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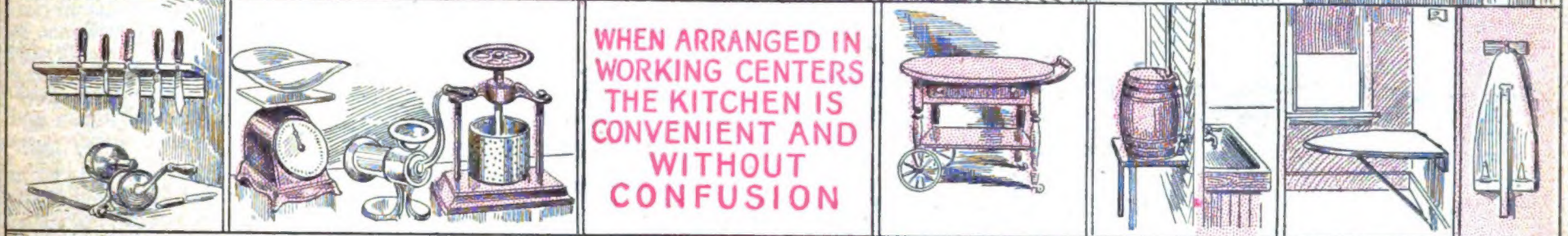
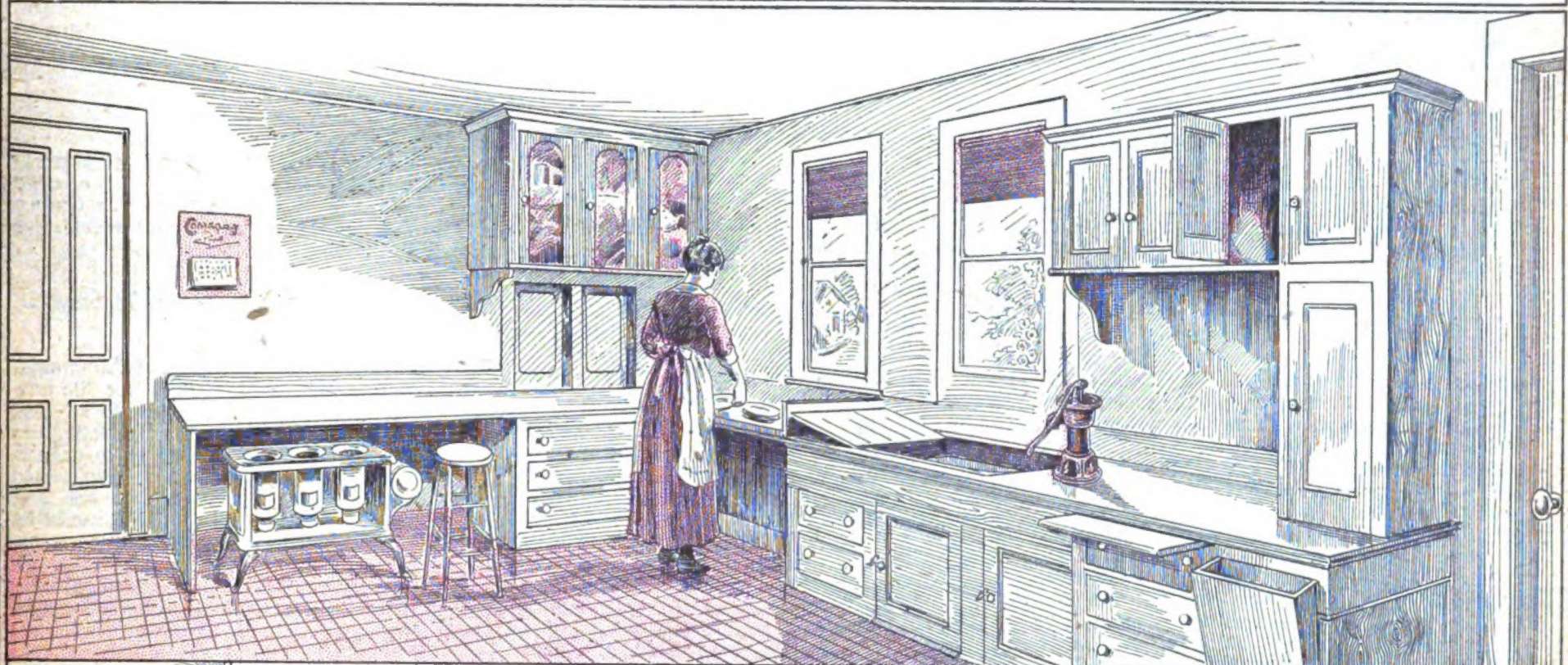
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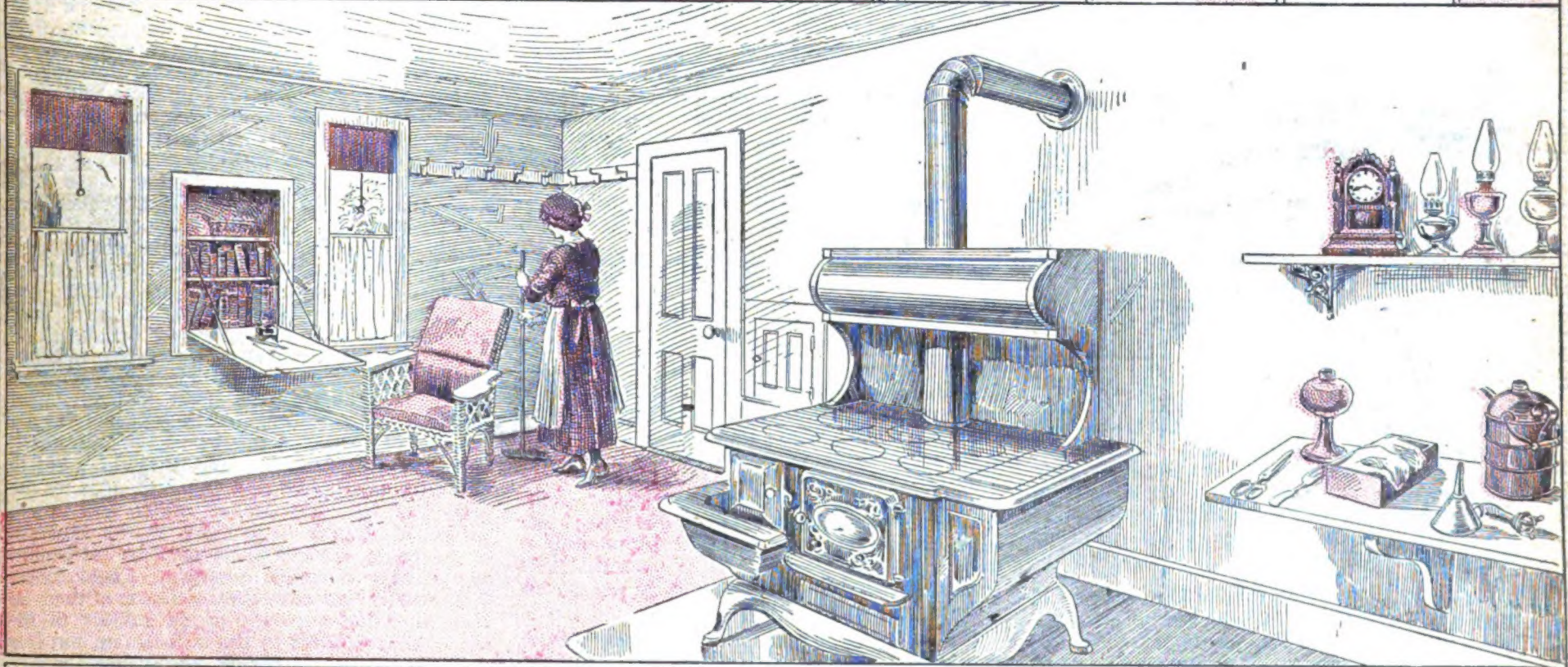
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# COMFORT

## EDITORIAL

THOUGHTS THAT BREATHE AND WORDS THAT BURN

### The "Flu" Is Here again in Epidemic Form—Precautions and Treatment Advised by Health Officers

**T**HE influenza, commonly known as the "flu," since early winter has been, and still is, raging in northern and central Europe, including Scandinavia, Germany, France and England, whence the infection seems to have been conveyed by transatlantic shipping to America, making its appearance, as in the terrible epidemic of 1918, in our Atlantic seaboard cities and thence spreading to the interior. Although simple "flu" is causing a considerable number of deaths, the most dangerous feature of the disease is its tendency (the same now as in 1918) to develop into or induce pneumonia, resulting fatally in a very large percentage of the latter class of cases.

Though somewhat confusing, and in part apparently conflicting, the following excerpts from recent press reports give some idea of the seriousness of the menace at the present writing (February 6th). A United Press despatch dated Washington, January 25th, summarizing the report on influenza issued that day by the U. S. Public Health Bureau says: "Meager and incomplete reports from fifteen States show that 274 new cases have been discovered during the last seven days. The total showed 582 cases this week compared with 308 cases last week." Dr. Safford, Deputy Health Commissioner of Boston, Mass., in commenting on the situation as it stood at the close of the week ending January 28th, is reported to have said "that reports from New York and other cities show there have been serious epidemics of influenza, but not to the extent of the epidemics of 1918 and 1919. There has been lately an increase in Boston of cases of what the physicians usually call the old-fashioned grippe, to distinguish them from the typical influenza cases of three years ago, but thus far there has been no increase in mortality from pneumonia or other respiratory diseases in Boston, unusual for this season of the year." He added, however, that "If New York is having a more or less serious condition of this sort, it cannot be reasonably expected that Boston is going to escape indefinitely," and explained that the Boston Health Department was preparing for such a situation and planning to aid in providing medical and nursing care, as was done in the influenza epidemics of 1918 and 1920.

On January 31st, Health Commissioner Copeland of New York announced that influenza cases in that city had reached epidemic proportions, basing his assertion on the official report of 813 new cases of influenza and 185 new cases of pneumonia during the previous twenty-four hours, with 43 deaths from the two diseases. He pointed out that the epidemic this year is much milder than the one of 1918-19 when on the corresponding day there were reported 2,070 cases of influenza and 283 cases of pneumonia in the city, with 61 deaths from the former and 99 from the latter. He called attention also to another difference in that the fatalities resulting from the epidemic of 1918-19 were most numerous among persons between the ages of 15 and 45 years, while this year old people and children appear to be hardest hit.

On February 3rd New York City reported 1,122 new cases of influenza and 263 new cases of pneumonia during the previous 24 hours, with 92 deaths from both causes, and Dr. Copeland announced that if the epidemic continued to grow more severe in the next two or three days the plan put into effect during the 1918 epidemic to reduce travel in the subways at the rush hour would be adopted again.

On February 3rd the Health Commissioner of Massachusetts reported 87 new cases of influenza and 30 new cases of lobar pneumonia in the entire State during the previous 24 hours, as compared with 47 cases of influenza and 42 cases of pneumonia reported the day before. On the same day of the month a year ago only one case of influenza was reported.

Public Health officials appear disposed to calm the people's fears by publishing expressions of opinion that minimize the danger, which may or may not be a wise course under present conditions. In view of the calamitous consequences of having allowed previous visitations of the "flu" to get a strangle hold on this country it should seem the part of common prudence to sound a warning of the danger and give out information as to such preventive measures and remedial treatment as the people could pursue for the protection of life and health against this threatened infection.

#### How to Prevent Infection—What to Do if You Catch the "Flu"

**A**CCORDING to a recently published interview Dr. Safford, of the Boston Health Department, is reported to have said: "In so far as infections like grippe or influenza can be prevented at all must depend upon the trouble that people themselves are willing and able to take for their own protection. We know that infections like influenza or the grippe are spread from person to person." He explained that persons sick in bed are less important factors in spreading such infections than are those [milder, so-called walking cases of] persons who are running around and mingling with other people.

As preventive measures Dr. Safford urged personal cleanliness, the frequent washing of one's hands, care as to the use of towels and eating and drinking utensils, and to avoid crowds as much as possible. He emphasized the necessity for a person to get plenty of sleep and not to become chilled or tired, so to maintain the resistant power of the system against disease, especially against pneumonia which he asserted to be essentially a disease induced by physical exhaustion or lowered vitality. In a circular on this subject, which the Boston Health Department is issuing, there is a special warning against kissing, and the following opinion as to the preventive value of masks. "Experience and research have not shown that the wearing of masks tends to prevent infection, nor that proper masks properly worn increase in any way the danger of infection. It is believed, however, that improperly made masks, and masks improperly worn, no matter how well they may be made, tend to increase the spread of the disease."

Regarding the duty of everybody to do his or her part in preventing the spread of the "flu" and other infectious diseases of the throat, nose and lungs, Dr. Eugene R. Kelly, Health Commissioner of Massachusetts, says: "Do not cough or sneeze in public without covering your nose and mouth with your handkerchief. Wash your hands before eating, and keep your hands or other objects away from your mouth at all other times. This will be your personal contribution in the preservation of your own and the community's health."

As to treatment for the influenza, grippe and other like diseases, Dr. Safford's instructions are: "At the first symptoms of sickness go to bed and stay there until the bodily temperature has been normal for at least two days." This implies, of course, that in such case you should also send for the doctor at once. This treatment is also recommended in case of a bad cold which in itself is always dangerous if neglected, and may lead to pneumonia or develop some other complication with serious or fatal consequences. This is especially important when the influenza, grippe, or pneumonia is prevalent, as in the first stage these diseases may not be easily distinguishable from a bad cold. Even a slight cold should be looked after, and if it refuses to be thrown off, see a doctor and obey his orders.

If unable to procure the attendance or advice of a physician for a person who has caught the influenza, grippe or a bad cold, so that you are thrown on your own resources for home treatment, the following suggestions may be helpful: If the bowels are at all sluggish give salts, castor

oil or other laxative to cause a thorough evacuation; put the patient on a light and scant diet, preferably of gruel or milk so long as there is any fever; have him drink plenty of water; hot drink is useful to induce perspiration and reduce fever; orange juice clear, or lemon juice in water, hot or cold, is likely to prove refreshing and beneficial. If there is a tendency to bronchitis or congestion of the lungs, application of mustard poultices or plasters, or of musterole or rubifax, is useful, but care should be taken not to blister. It is important to keep the patient comfortable and warm, but he should have fresh air without exposure to draft. By offering the foregoing suggestions for home treatment it is not intended to exclude or discourage the use of other suitable home remedies—but I repeat the advice to get the doctor if possible. Finally, all authorities agree in advising not to worry nor be alarmed, for worry is weakening, and if you do your best to observe proper precautions there is but very little chance of your having the influenza, and much less chance of it proving dangerous to you.

#### Armament Conference Successful Beyond Expectation

**T**HE Conference on Limitation of Armament, called by President Harding for the purpose signified by its name and to attempt a peaceful settlement of the conflicting national claims, policies and designs as to eastern Asia and the islands of the Pacific Ocean, vexed problems that were threatening another and greater world war with the United States in its incipient vortex, finished its great work in a session of less than three months and finally adjourned on February 6th with a record of splendid achievement that exceeds the most hopeful expectation of its sponsors and far surpasses the accomplishments of any previous international conference. The American delegates led in proposing and shaping the work of the Conference in which they had the hearty support of the British delegation throughout, and but for the influence of Britain's favorable attitude could not have overcome, as they did, the opposition of Japan and France on some of the chief points at issue.

In the present limited space I can only summarize some of the most important results of the Conference as follows: (1) United States, Great Britain, Japan, France and Italy agree to a limitation of naval armament that requires the first three named Powers to make an immediate large reduction in their respective navies by scrapping all battleships in process of construction and some already built, so that the British and American navies thus reduced shall be equal, and the Japanese navy only three-fifths the strength of either the British or American, and further agree that none of these five powers shall increase its naval armament during the next ten years. Besides largely reducing expenses this cuts naval strength to a point adequate for defence but insufficient for offensive war. This tends to promote general peace and practically assures the United States against attack by Japan. (2) Agreement by the same five Powers not to use poison gas in war, and limiting the use of submarines to combat ships of war. (3) United States, Great Britain, Japan and France agree to maintain peace in the Pacific Ocean. (4) The five Powers above named and China, Portugal, Holland and Belgium agree to the "Open Door" policy in China demanded by the United States. (5) United States and Japan settle their dispute as to rights in the island of Yap. (6) Japan and China agree on settlement of a number of vexed questions. These agreements are in form of treaties, and such of them as the United States is party to are subject to acceptance or rejection by the U. S. Senate, but it is unthinkable that the Senate would reject any of them, as all of them are favorable to the interests of America and of peace the world over.

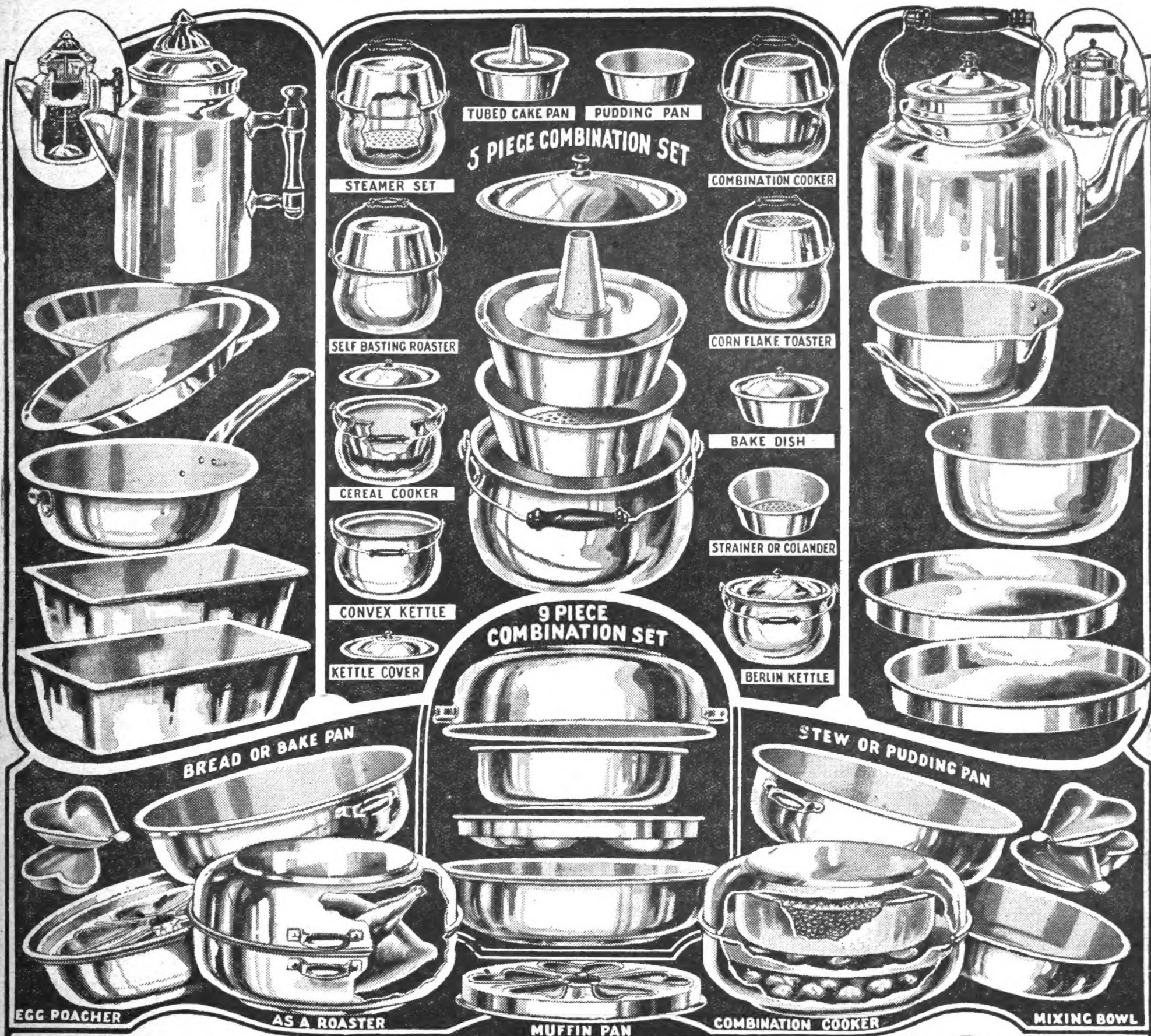
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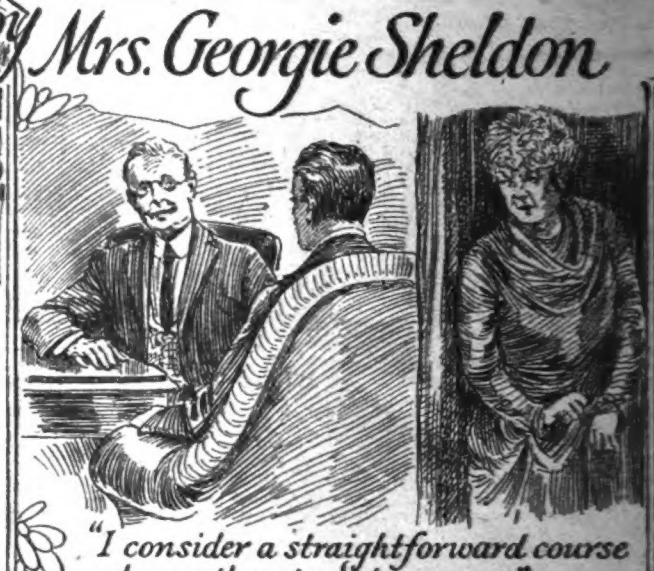
by Mrs. Georgie Sheldon



Star's heart nearly ceased beating.



"Lord Carrol" she said, in her iciest tones, "release my hand, if you please."



"I consider a straightforward course always the wisest to pursue."

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## SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS.

A terrible storm at sea and from a steamer running between Liverpool and New York only five escape sea-sickness. Among them is Stella Roosevelt Gladstone, an orphan and on her way to some distant relatives in New York. She is befriended by an elderly man, Jacob Roosevelt, who is startled when he learns her mother called her "Star," her grandmother giving her the name. A fire breaks out and she saves valuable papers. The boats are rapidly filled. Stella refuses to go unless room is made for Mr. Roosevelt, who the next day suffers from an ill turn and is carefully nursed by Stella. The sixth day they are rescued. Mr. Roosevelt is told of the care Stella gave him during his illness and while thanking her a young man approaches and Mr. Roosevelt introduces Archibald Sherbrooke, whose home is in Derbyshire, where Star's father preaches. Star's shawl becomes loosened and not finding the pin, Mr. Sherbrooke draws one, an exquisitely carved stone, from his necktie, and Stella pins the shawl and then tells the story of the wreck and her endeavor to save Mr. Roosevelt's life. Arriving in New York, Mr. Sherbrooke regrets the loss of her address—he would call before his return to England. He hopes they will meet again and will she always consider him her friend. He places a card in her hand with his address upon it. Stella, remembering the pin, passes it to him. He begs her to keep it as a souvenir. Wishing she had something to give, he will accept a lock of her hair. Stella is met by Mrs. Blunt, Mrs. Richards' housekeeper, who hurries her away, much to Mr. Roosevelt's disappointment. Stella receives a cool reception from her aunt who had written she would befriend and educate Stella until able to care for herself and learns she is to take the place of Maggie Flynn and to be degraded to the level of a common servant. Resenting it, she asks her aunt if her father, from whom she wrote him, had any idea she was to come into the family as a servant. Mrs. Richards does not relent, and insists she fill Maggie Flynn's place or none. Stella appeals to Mr. Richards, giving him the letter written by her father to Mrs. Richards and her reply. Stella's father is anxious to provide a home and begs Mrs. Richards to have the care and education of his daughter, since she once professed friendship for Stella's mother in saving her life from drowning. Stella has one hundred pounds. Could she not use it and then teach, relieving his wife of all responsibility? Mrs. Richards is surprised at Stella's suggestion and Mr. Richards makes arrangements for her to attend a select school, she giving a part of each day to household work. By close application Stella wins, at commencement, a part in the class exercises and surprises Mr. Richards, who is present, by her instrumental music, essay and promotion to the senior class. He tells his wife she has done the last day's work in the house. Josephine, admiring the cameo worn by Stella, suggests she give it to her, as her wardrobe does not correspond with it. Going to Stella's room and finding the cameo, Josephine takes it and discovers the initials "A. S." Stella misses the cameo and is suspicious who has it. In the meanwhile Mr. Richards receives a letter from Mrs. Richards' Uncle Jacob. He has lost all, is penniless and will accept the home that was offered him when rich. Mrs. Richards refuses to receive him, the house is full, and Mr. Richards is left troubled. Upon his arrival he is taken to the Lodge to sleep. Mr. Roosevelt meets Star who offers her room to him and does all she can to brighten his life. Mrs. Richards receives him coldly, and Josephine ignores her uncle. Mrs. Richards and Josephine go to Long Branch where they meet Lord Carrol, of Carrolton, Derbyshire, England, who appears pleased with Josephine and requests permission of her mother to call. Noticing a ring Josephine wears and examining it he sees the initials "A. S." Josephine claims it is given by a relative. Lord Carrol cannot understand it. The next day he leaves for New York. Stella, hurrying to take a train for home, and in danger, is stopped by Archibald Sherbrooke, her old acquaintance. Stella tells him that she and Mr. Roosevelt are in the same home. Mr. Roosevelt goes to New York with Stella to call upon Mr. Sherbrooke in his studio and arranges a pleasure trip for them to Coney Island for the following day. When they return from it Stella is the promised wife of Archibald Sherbrooke. Lord Carrol, of Carrolton, thought to be Josephine's betrothed, is expected. Stella sees in him her promised husband, Archibald Sherbrooke.

## XVII.

### "WHY HAS HE DONE THIS THING?"

WHAT could this strange thing mean? What was Archibald Sherbrooke—the man who, two days before, had told her that he loved her and no other—doing there in that character of Lord Carrol? Why was he there, laughing, chatting, and exchanging greetings in that familiar way with Mrs. Richards and her family?

Star's heart nearly ceased its beating; she grew faint, giddy, and absolutely soul-sick. Her face paled until it was as white as those cold, waxen berries at her throat; her very lifeblood seemed to be congealing.

What could it mean?

Looking down upon the little group, she saw that Josephine's eyes were fastened upon him—her lover—with an expression that there was no mistaking. It was full of pride and wistful affection. Her voice was low and sweet when she spoke to him, her laugh silvery clear as it rang out upon the still evening air at some light jest of his; and Star knew that she loved him deeply, passionately; that she would stop at nothing to win him, if indeed, he was not already won. Oh, what—what could it all mean?

It was cruel, cruel as death, to have her short, bright dream shattered thus; to have given all the wealth of her warm young heart to the handsome young stranger who had called himself Archibald Sherbrooke, and now to discover him to be a myth—that there was no such person, that she had been made the plaything of an idle hour. And yet it had all appeared so real; he had seemed so true and loyal, and to have loved her so fondly.

But stay—might she not be jumping to conclusions, after all?

A different solution to the mystery flashed into her mind. She started eagerly up, the color coming back to her face, a joyful light flashing into her eyes.

Archie had told her that he should "come to her Monday or Tuesday—that he could not wait longer;" but she had not thought he would come tonight. She did expect him tomorrow, and perhaps he had arrived.

On the other hand, Lord Carrol had, perchance, disappointed his friends. They had gone to meet him, and had not found him as they expected.

Archie, very likely, had taken the same train from New York that his lordship had intended to take, and on arriving had inquired of some one for the street and number that she had written on the card for him; the individual whom he asked might have known it was Mr. Richards' residence—for he was well known there—directed him, and he, on learning the man's errand, had probably, with his usual good nature, invited him to take a seat in his carriage, and had driven him home.

Thus she reasoned with her aching, fear-burdened heart, clutching at this little ray of hope as a drowning man clutches at a straw.

But he did not appear like a stranger to any of them; neither did Josephine seem like the disappointed girl she probably would have been if her expected lover had not arrived. She was chatting and laughing with him in the most friendly way; her face was glowing with happiness; her tones and her laughter were musical from very joy.

With these doubts mingling with her sudden hope, Star leaned forward, eagerly listening for him to inquire for her; but the words which came floating up to her smote her heart with a deadly pain, drove the color back again from her face, and made the love-light in her eyes change to a look of mortal agony and despair.

"My lord," Mrs. Richards said, graciously, "we will not keep you standing here; the drawing-room, where we have other friends waiting to meet you, is more inviting, and our dinner will soon be served."

And my lord, with his most charming smile and bow, replied:

"Mrs. Richards, you have given me a most hospitable welcome to your delightful home, and I shall be happy to meet your friends;" and giving his arm to Josephine, he followed his hostess within, to be presented to the other guests who had been invited to meet him.

All hope was gone now—they had called him Lord Carrol and he had replied; and, stricken with despair, Star slipped from her chair like one from which all life had been suddenly snuffed, and fell prone upon the floor, where she lay in a semi-conscious state for more than an hour.

But when at length thought and feeling began to return to her, she wondered if she were herself or some one else who had lived through a century of misery—youth and happiness, joy and hope seemed to be attributes of an age so long gone by.

"Why has he done this thing?" she moaned, sitting up and clasping her icy hands across her burning brow. "Why has he deceived me thus, making a fool and a plaything of me merely to pass an idle hour? Why did he call himself Archibald Sherbrooke, when he is Lord Carrol, of Carrolton? Why could he not have left me alone when I was content with my music, my studies, and my simple life? Oh! why need my whole future be blighted thus? I could have gone on my way—I could have carried out my plans and gratified my ambition to become a teacher and be independent, and believed myself happy, if he had left me to myself. But now—if I could only die—if I could even go mad—anything to make me forget how I have allowed myself to love him, and built all my future hopes on his love for me!"

The sound of gay voices and laughter came floating up to her from below as she sat there mourning her blighted life; it smote her like the stab of a knife, and she shivered from head to foot, every nerve cringing with keenest pain.

In imagination she could see how Josephine was assuming her most bewitching airs to win the treacherous man who had blotted out every hope of joy from her existence, and who, perhaps, was bending over her, speaking soft and tender words, even as he had done to her only two days ago.

She got up from the floor, tottered to the window and shut it, to keep out those hateful sounds from below which nearly drove her into a frenzy; then, too weak to sit up, she crept into her bed, where she lay shaking as with an ague and moaning with pain all the long night through.

Morning found her burning with fever, with an aching head and a crushed and breaking heart, and thus good Mrs. Blunt found her about ten o'clock.

"Merciful sakes alive! whatever in the world has happened to you, Miss Star?" she cried, when she saw the young girl in her wretched condition lying on the bed.

"I believe I do not feel very well this morning," Star said, wearily.

"I should think not, indeed! You've got a high fever, and yet you're shaking with the cold. Goodness gracious, child! and you all dressed out like this, too! What has happened?" Mrs. Blunt cried, aghast, as she pulled back the coverlid and saw at a glance that she had been lying all night in her clothing.

Star was too miserable to explain, as the good woman saw, and she did not press her with questions; but with nimble yet tender hands she removed her clothing, replacing it with her robe

de nuit, and then wrapping her in a heavy blanket, she tucked her snugly into bed once more.

She then went down below, where she prepared a steaming drink of some kind, with which she hastened back to her patient, and insisted that she should drink it—"every drop."

The poor child obeyed, feeling too wretched to offer any objections; and then saturating a napkin with camphor and water, Mrs. Blunt bound it about her aching head, and darkening the room, bade her go to sleep, again as quickly as possible, for of course school was not to be thought of that day; and indeed Star had forgotten the existence of such an institution.

The hot drink warmed and soothed her, while the kind attention of the woman comforted her; and exhausted nature asserting itself, she soon dropped into a profound slumber.

It was late in the afternoon when she awoke again, and realized that she was much refreshed physically, although her burden of misery was still crushing down upon her heart.

Mrs. Blunt found her as white and wan as she had been flushed and feverish, when she looked in upon her again just before dinner, and she could not understand the look of hopeless despair that lay in her usually bright and joyous eyes.

Mrs. Blunt helped her to dress and watched her closely with those small, keen eyes of hers. She did not trouble her with conversation, but after making her room tidy, she went quietly out and left her alone.

Left alone, the unhappy girl felt that she must get out and away from that close room where she had suffered so much. So dressing hastily and wrapping a shawl about her, she stole down a back way, out by a side door into the grounds, and taking a circuitous path, made her way as rapidly as her strength would permit toward the lodge.

She had accomplished about half the distance when her limbs began to fail her, and she became so weak and faint from the exertion she had made that she was obliged to stop and lean against the trunk of a large tree to rest a while.

A feeling of unutterable woe overcame her—such a sense of loneliness and desolation that she could not bear it; and covering her face with her hands, she gave way to the flood of tears which would not be restrained.

She had no idea how long she wept—time, place, everything was lost in the utter abandonment of her grief—until she was aroused, and a thrill of terror went tingling through all her nerves, as a hand fell suddenly yet lightly upon her shoulder.

With a start, her hands dropped from her tear-stained face and she looked up, to find the grave, questioning eyes of her faithless lover looking down into her own.

A low cry of surprise and dismay escaped him as he recognized her.

"Star! My darling, what does this mean?" he asked, in astonishment. "How came you here, and why do I find you grieving thus? You look more like some stricken white dove than like my bright, beautiful star. I was coming to you tomorrow—I wanted to come today, but I could not. Tell me, dear, how is it I find you here in the grounds of Mr. Richards, where I am visiting?" and he would have gathered her into his arms, but by a quick movement she evaded him, and stepping back a few paces she confronted him with a haughty upflitting of her small head, her face and eyes glowing with scorn and indignation.

"Tomorrow you would have come to me," she repeated, with curling lips. "Pray, where would you have sought me?"

"Here in Yonkers, at No. 56 ——— Street. I think that was the address you wrote on the card," he said, apparently bewildered by her strange conduct, and regarding her with a troubled look. "I wanted to go there today, but there has been no opportunity," he said again. "And tomorrow I was intending to ask Mr. Richards to direct me to the address which you gave me."

"Do you know the street and number of this residence?" Star asked, sternly.

"No. When it was arranged that I should come here to make a short visit, Mrs. Richards was so kind as to say that her carriage should meet me at the station, so that I do not even know the name of the street on which they live."

"Then tomorrow, when you should ask to be directed to the address which I gave you—if, indeed, you intended to ask for it—you would have been told that you would find me here in this place—this house. Mr. Richards' residence is No. 56 ——— Street," Star said, proudly and coldly.

She had no faith in him; she believed he was acting a part.

"Impossible!" he cried. "I never dreamed of such a thing. Why, then, have I not seen you? Why were you not with the family when I arrived last night? Why have I not seen you today?" he asked, as if more and more astonished.

"Because," she answered, her voice rising, with a scornful, bitter ring, "I am a dependent upon the bounty of the rich; because I am a burden and expense in a house of luxury, and only tolerated on account of a promise made to my dying father and to cancel a debt due to my mother. You have not seen me, because I am not allowed to breathe the same air, eat and drink, and sit at the same table with those who think they are of finer mould than I. But it is just as well, my lord——"

"My lord!" he repeated, in a startled tone, interrupting her. "Star, that from you!"

She laughed bitterly, lifting her head with a haughty gesture, though her face gleamed like a piece of marble in the waning light.

"Yes, that from me!" she said. Fortunately, I was at a window above the entrance when you arrived last evening, and witnessed the honors that were heaped upon my Lord Carrol, of Carrolton, and the revelation of your true character, although a sudden and bitter one to me, was, perhaps, after all, a providential one: for, if it showed me how I had been duped and betrayed, how I had been made the plaything of an idle hour, it also gave me time to collect my scattered senses a trifle before meeting you and telling you how I scorn you for——"

"Duped! betrayed! plaything! Star, listen to me," pleaded the young man, his breath almost taken away by these startling accusations and by her wild words, so full of derision and pain.

"I will not listen to you!" she cried, passionately. "I have listened to you too much already. Oh! why did you do this wicked thing? Why could you not have left me alone? Had you not enough already, with your riches, your title, and your life of pleasure, without coming in cruel sport to spoil a poor young girl's life? Was it not enough that you could woo and win the heiress, the belle and beauty of Long Branch, without the amusement of trying to win and break my poor heart?"

"Star! Star!" he cried, drawing nearer the excited girl. "What wild, wild words! Every one is like a dagger plunged into my heart. You do not know what you are saying, dear. I try to win and break your heart! My poor darling, you have been misled by having learned of my title. I should have told you before, but——"

"Then you are Lord Carrol? You own it—you acknowledge it?" Star interrupted, with a ring of wild despair in her tones.

"Yes, I am Lord Carrol, of Carrolton; but, Star——"

"That is enough; I want to hear no more," she said, stopping him with an authoritative gesture of her white hand. "I will not listen to another word from your traitorous lips!"

She turned proudly from him and would have left him, but he sprang forward and seized her hands.

They were cold as ice and shaking as with palsy, and he was shocked by the hopelessness visible in her face as he looked down upon it.

"Star, my darling," he began, in a voice that was almost stern from emotion; "you shall listen to me. It is my right to be heard, and I can explain everything to you if you will but give me the opportunity."

But she would not. Pain, despair, outraged pride and affection made her unreasonable and almost insane.

She flashed a haughty glance up at him. "Lord Carrol," she said, in her iciest tones, "release my hands, if you please."

He dropped them as if they had been coils of fire, and drew back a pace or two from her, deeply wounded, while his own face was nearly as white and pained as hers.

"Star, you are wronging me more than you dream. Surely you will listen to my defense," he said, and his voice trembled with suppressed feeling.

Oh, how she longed to yield and allow him to win her back; how she longed to let him take her into his strong arms, and hear him murmur again those tender words such as he had spoken to her so recently; but, remembering his attentions to Josephine last night, her looks of affection and pride, her bright face and happy laugh—remembering what she had heard regarding his devotion to her at Long Branch, and the reason that had been given for his coming there to her home, she could not.

He had played the role of rich lover to the proud heiress; he had acted that of a poor sweet heart with her; for had he not told her he was an artist, but hoped to be able to take care of her, so that she need never know the meaning of the words poor and dependent again; and now, with all this evidence before her, how could she help believing him false to the core—to have simply amused himself at her expense?

"You can have no defense to offer me, and I will hear nothing," she returned, coldly. "You have deceived me most cruelly; you came to me as Archibald Sherbrooke; you used all your powers of fascination to make me love you as a poor artist, while you had already played the part of a rich lover in a different character at a fashionable watering place. I congratulate you upon your marvelous success as an actor, my lord," she concluded, with scathing sarcasm.

A deep sigh broke from him; her words hurt him keenly, for he was very proud. But he saw how she was suffering, and he tried to be patient with her, feeling sure that if he could only make her listen to him all would be well.

"My dear," he said, gently, "you do not understand. Pray, let me tell you all about it. I swear that I am both——"

"You need not swear; I know enough already. Go back to my more fortunate cousin, Miss Richards, whom the whole household expects you intend to make Lady Carrol. She, I own, is better fitted to be the bride of a peer of England than the poor alien who is a burden upon her bounty. She will grace your proud home and name with her beauty; she will add to your riches and her wealth. But let me tell you——"

and Star had no idea how superbly beautiful she was as she stood so proudly before him and uttered this prophetic sentence—"that the girl whom she has despised and insulted, whom you have deceived, and whose life you have blighted by your treachery, will yet rise to a position that shall shame and humiliate you both. Go back to her, I say, and ask her for the cameo which you gave me. I told you that I had lost it. I put it that way because I did not like to tell you how badly I had been used by those who

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## Comfort Sisters' Recipes

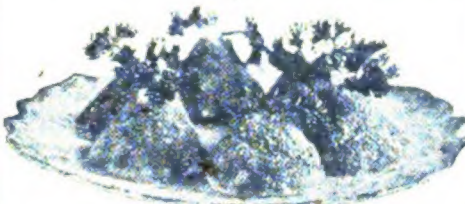
**O**DDS and ends of stale bread, Little scraps of meat, Make a toothsome croquette Fit for king to eat,

might well be applied to the croquettes illustrated below. Besides being appetizing they are economical, an advantage peculiar to croquettes. Leftovers that the family nose might elevate itself at, are greedily devoured when made into croquettes. A few recipes, not necessarily made from leftovers, are here given. Try them.—Ed.

**SALMON CROQUETTES.**—Make a thick white sauce of two tablespoons of butter melted, and one-third cup of flour. Blend well and when hot and bubbling add one cup of milk, a little at a time, and stirring well to prevent lumps forming. Season with salt and pepper. To a cup of this sauce add two cups of cold salmon, picked into small pieces. Season with salt and pepper and a teaspoon of lemon juice. Spread out on platter to cool, shape, dip in crumbs, beaten egg and crumbs again; fry in deep fat. Serve with peas.

**RICE AND JELLY CROQUETTES.**—Cook one-half cup of rice until soft. Let cool a little, add yolks of two eggs, beaten, and one tablespoon of melted butter. Let cool, shape and roll in bread-crumbs. Dip in beaten egg and roll in crumbs again and fry in deep fat. Drain and serve with jelly.

**CROQUETTES MADE FROM LEFTOVERS.**—Odd portions of meat or fish combined with bread-crumbs, cooked rice or other cereal, cooked vegetable mashed or chopped fine, well seasoned and moistened with gravy, milk, cream or beaten egg and shaped into croquettes or small cakes, is the best way to cook leftovers. Cakes may be fried in a small amount of fat, first on one



CROQUETTES MADE FROM LEFTOVERS.

side and then on the other, or cooked in deep fat if made into croquettes. The croquettes shown in illustration were shaped by lightly pressing the mixture into a small-sized tunnel which was each time first dipped into cold water to prevent sticking. A delicious pork croquette is made as follows: Mix together two cups of cold roast pork ground fine with half the amount of boiled rice. Add one-half teaspoon of sage, one tablespoon of grated onion, pepper and salt to taste, one well-beaten egg, three-fourths cup of fine bread-crumbs, and enough pork gravy to make soft enough to shape. Hot water and one-fourth cup of butter can be used in place of the gravy. Shape, roll in crumbs, then in beaten egg diluted with a little water, and in crumbs again.

**PRUNE DOUGHNUTS.**—Try these instead of jelly doughnuts. Sift into your mixing bowl two cups of pastry flour, one heaping teaspoon baking powder, three tablespoons of sugar, one half teaspoon of salt; sift together and add one well-beaten egg, and sweet milk enough to roll out thin. Cut in small rounds. Put cooked prunes, stoned, on one round, wet edges and cover with another, pressing firmly into place. Fry in deep fat.

**PRUNE CAKE.**—One and one half cups sugar, one half cup shortening, one cup sour milk, two cups flour, one teaspoon soda, one cup of prunes, three eggs, and one half teaspoon each nutmeg and cinnamon. Cream butter and sugar, sift flour three or four times with soda and spices; beat eggs until creamy; add flour and milk alternately, a little at a time, and last add prunes. Bake in three layers. Make filling of one cup of powdered sugar, one teaspoon butter and enough milk or cream to make it spread nicely.—Mrs. Eva Harmon, Los Angeles, 1432A Toberman St., Cal.

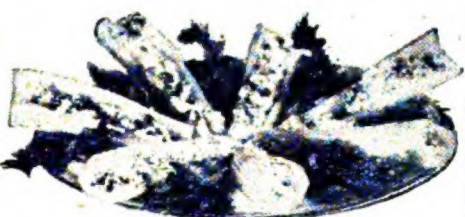
**PRUNE COBBLER.**—Cut cooked prunes into fairly small pieces and use to cover bottom of baking dish. Sprinkle with sugar. Make a batter of one cup of sour milk, two eggs, piece of butter size of egg, one half teaspoon of soda and flour enough to make thick batter. Spread this over the prunes and bake. When ready to serve, turn out onto plate so prunes will be on top. Serve with sugar and cream.

**OATMEAL BREAD WITHOUT EGGS.**—One cup oatmeal flour, and one quarter cup each corn-meal and white flour. To this add enough sour milk to make batter as for gems, adding a level teaspoon soda and one teaspoon baking powder and one half teaspoon salt. Mix and bake in greased gem pans or in pan. Bake in quick oven.—C. D. R., McKinney, Texas.

**GINGERBREAD PUDDING.**—Fill a baking dish half full of apples, cut in thin slices and sprinkle with sugar, salt and cinnamon and half a cup of water. Make gingerbread of one half cup molasses, one half cup of sugar, quarter of a cup of butter, one cup of boiling water in which one teaspoon of soda has been dissolved, one teaspoon cinnamon and ginger and flour to make a thin mixture. Pour over the apples and bake.

**STUFFED PRUNES.**—Wash and soak prunes over night in cold water. In morning let simmer until tender. When prunes are cold, remove the stone and put in its place half a walnut. Roll in granulated sugar and set away to dry slightly before serving.—Mrs. O. H., Highland, Ill.

**CELERY STICKS.**—Use only the white tender stalks, allowing them to remain in cold water until crisp. Wipe dry and fill the concaves of the celery with the following mixture: To every one-fourth cup of cream cheese, use two tablespoons of heavy cream, mayonnaise dressing or condensed milk, and beat until creamy. Flavor with a small pinch of mustard, salt and paprika.



CELERY STICKS.

and add one tablespoon of finely-chopped nut meats. If mayonnaise is used, less flavoring will be necessary. Beat again, and after filling the celery sprinkle with paprika. Arrange as illustrated, placing between stalks the small center ones with tender leaves. Leftover bits of meat ground fine and mixed with cream or salad dressing, combined with chopped boiled beet and highly flavored, makes another delicious filling.

**GRANDMOTHER'S TEA BISCUIT.**—One-half cup of butter, two cups of sugar, two pints of flour, two teaspoons of baking powder and one teaspoon of extract of nutmeg. Sift the flour, sugar and baking powder together; rub in the butter cold and add enough sweet milk to make a soft dough, adding extract last. Roll out half an inch thick and cut out with biscuit cutter. Wash over with milk and bake twenty minutes in a moderate oven.—Laura E. Just, Red House, Va.

**SAVORY POTATOES.**—Cut half a dozen potatoes into slices, put in casserole in layers, with one onion, chopped, and three or four slices of bacon, cut into small pieces. Season with salt and pepper and add one pint of milk. Bake three hours in slow oven.

**BANANA CREAM.**—Dissolve one-half box of gelatine in a pint of warm water, and add one cup sugar, juice of one lemon, and one cup sliced banana. When ready to serve, stir in one-half pint whipped cream.

**CANNED CURRANTS.**—Wash currants well, after carefully picking them over and allow one pound of sugar for every pound of fruit. Put the currants into preserving kettle, with a little water, and let stew slowly half an hour, then add sugar. Keep as hot as possible, without letting it boil until sugar is dissolved and place in sterilized jars and seal.

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DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:

As I am renewing my subscription for three years I thought I would like to write to the Sisters' Corner at the same time.

To the mothers who have children that are cross eyed or have any trouble with the eyes, I say take care of it directly. I was cross eyed from infancy and mother did not attend to my eyes as the family doctor said I'd outgrow it, which I did, but I lost the sight of the eye as the muscles are numb. At times the pain is so intense that I cannot bear a bit of noise. Also at the age of twenty-four my hair is streaked with grey.

There is quite a discussion as to how to earn pin money. Though my sight is poor I earn money. You will perhaps laugh as I haven't read of anyone else doing anything like it. I like the houses. My husband and his brothers are carpenters. When they build houses for themselves they let me lathe. I put on the average of six bundles a day for which I receive fifty cents per hundred, so I can earn around three dollars a day. As I do not work by the clock I can care for my home and children before I leave. I take the youngsters along and they play in the sand or with blocks and I quit when I feel like going home. I also have a garden and in summer I sell the surplus vegetables. Lima beans are most profitable. I have my own berries of all kinds for preserving, and my own fruit trees. As carpenter work is slack in the country in winter, we lay in our winter supplies in summer. We generally have a pig or two.

There are many things I'd like to discuss with the sisters. I think this corner is about the coziest as well as the most educational part of the whole paper. It gives one something to think of.

I am five feet, six inches tall, weigh 150 pounds, and have brown hair, grey eyes and a freckled face. I have been married six years and have two children.

COUNTRY READER.

SALEM, W. VA.

DEAR COMFORT SISTERS:

I think we are a world-wide chain of sisters. Since Bernice Lee Whiteman's picture appeared in COMFORT I have received letters from almost every state in the Union. Whitemans have written asking the relationship and as I haven't time to answer all letters personally I am taking this method. I do not know the history and genealogy of the Whiteman race but there is a man in Clarksburg, W. Va., writing a history of that state and its first families. When it is completed I am going to purchase a copy of the book if I have money enough, then, provided it is a good history. I'm going to let all the Whiteman sisters know whether or not we are related. I thank you all for your letters. Some days I get five and six.

To the sister in Texas who wrote wanting to sell me a soap recipe to make soap without grease or lye, I will say that I haven't the money to risk on it but if she sees this and wants to know of a stove that doesn't burn any fuel, write me and I will tell her free of charge.

Some of the sisters are opposed to picture shows. They haven't seen the right kind. I like movies that show foreign scenes or views of our magnificent buildings in Washington, D. C. I have never seen them, only in movies. Suppose you were traveling and met some noted Englishman and he would ask you to describe your capital? If you had never seen it at all you would feel embarrassed but if you had seen it in the movies you could make a rough sketch of it. False pretence, I hear someone say. Well, pretence or not, I'd show game by describing it.

Of course you know about Pollyanna and her "glad" game. Well, next time you go to the movies and are shocked by the extreme evening dress of the ladies on the screen, just think how nice their arms and necks look and be "glad" it isn't any worse.

Good luck to all.

DAISY WHITEMAN.

Mrs. Whiteman.—Sometime, maybe, I'll tell the sisters about my visit to Washington a few months ago. Do you suppose they would care to hear about it?—Ed.

JACKSONVILLE, 121 Florida Ave., Fla.

DEAR SISTERS FROM EVERYWHERE:

May I chat with you a bit? I have read COMFORT off and on, ever since I was a child. I think I get real enjoyment from the Sisters' Corner, and the short stories are often better than those in more expensive magazines. I have read several answers to Mother of Seven. I did not read her letter so perhaps I shouldn't express my opinion. How wonderful it would be if all mothers could be kept on the pedestal for which they were intended. Many, really, are undeserving of the title. Think of the kiddies who just grow up and the only motherly care received is that of nagging. I agree with the sister who explained the cause of nagging but some are just natural born naggers. Home conditions have a great bearing on a child's character. It is easy to be a nagger if you don't adopt the right course at the

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He put out his hands and gently patted the bowed head.



Mrs. Presbury came forward through the door and joined them.



It's just over there across the hedge miss.

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## SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS.

Junius Beckwith, a Westpointer, Anne Gordon, wealthy, Marian Reade, companion, friend and protégée of Anne Gordon, occupy a box at the Metropolitan Opera House. The curtain falls and Beckwith admits that "Lucia di Lammermoore" has a depressing influence upon him and he cannot think of insanity without repulsion, no matter what the cause may be, and a marriage with either tainted, should be made a crime punishable by law. The next morning is Marian's birthday and deciding to go home, Anne Gordon, with a premonition that she ought to stay, exacts a promise, if any trouble comes, Marian will let her know first. Marian walks away and turning the corner meets June Beckwith and they go to the park. Remembering it is her birthday, he offers his love as a gift and asks her to be his wife. Happy in her love for June, Marian reaches home. Janet Reade, her grandmother, tells her that her mother is not dead but the inmate of a madhouse. What can she say to June? Hearing a voice, she answers to her father's call. He gives her a curious Venetian ring for a birthday gift, and questioning him where he got it he evades the answer and queries what Anne Gordon gives her. Showing the watch, her father berates Marian's friend. She might have given one thousand dollars, which he needs and will have. Marian, under the horror of all she hears, forgets all her grandmother told her, even forgets June Beckwith. Later in the night, recalling her promise to Anne Gordon, she goes to her home. A light flashed from a window opposite shows a rope hung from Anne Gordon's window, and in the window her father's face. Reaching home, Marian meets her father, tells him where he has been, and for no honest purpose, and demands that he return all he has stolen. He refuses, and only after her earnest pleading does he ask what she will do for him. Little dreaming the price she must pay, she asks for nothing but to serve him and she seals the promise upon her mother's Bible. Left alone, Paul Reade decides to keep one ring. Marian writes June she does not love him and that her soul is withered as much as the flower she encloses. Her father assures her he has obtained a position in the brokerage business and rented a house down town. June is stunned upon receiving Marian's letter and welcomes his friend, Fred Underwood, who tells him Paul Reade is a most unscrupulous villain and the house he has rented is a decoy for gamblers, that Marian is not as innocent as she appears. June cannot believe it, and Underwood will prove it to him if he cares to go. June calling upon Anne, she tells of Paul Reade's sudden wealth, and June, knowing where it comes from, as a friend, forbids Anne to go to Marian Reade's home. Going to the reception, Underwood requests Paul Reade to introduce Marian. In the meanwhile June appears with a message from Miss Gordon. He invites Marian for a waltz which she ends with Dick Gresham, the most notorious gambler in New York. The evening ended, Marian faces her father and asks who were those people. She receives no satisfaction from his answer—he expects her to receive them with courtesy, she has sworn to obey him. Anne begs Marian to come to her for a home, to divulge the secret that troubles her and she denies she has one. June Beckwith calls upon Anne, who defends Marian and with tears in her eyes pleads with him not to condemn her. If he never loved Anne before he thinks he does now and she is willing to be his wife. Marian speaks to her father of her mother and what has kept her from Marian all these years. She must see her. Her father refuses and Marian insists. There are those who will help. Paul Reade requests Ezra Morris, whose mother is hopelessly insane and confined in a house built especially for her, to allow Marian to visit her, believing she is her mother. Returning home she cries, "Will the inheritance come to her?" Dick Gresham announces Anne's betrothal to Junius Beckwith, and for several days Marian remains in her room. Again mingling with her father's guests, she is introduced to Elliott Dwight, a multi-millionaire who, by his words and manner, arouses Marian's suspicions as to his motives. She demands of her father, and before his guests, to deny that she is an inmate of a gambling house, a decoy by his will for his guests, that it is not as Elliott Dwight says. Her father's silence convinces her it is true and in her anguish Marian leaves the house. She is stopped by Fred Underwood who exacts a promise that she will see him before making a decided change. Her heart sinks. June believes her guilty. Underwood admits he is in a most uncomfortable position. June loves Marian, Anne Gordon loves June and I love Anne Gordon. Janet Reade goes to Anne Gordon; she knows her son is not only a gambler but a thief, and has stolen from Anne, detected by his daughter and innocent of the character of the house Marian leaves as soon as the truth comes to her. Anne, anxious to find and help Marian, writes to June.

## CHAPTER XXIV.

### MARIAN TAKES A JOURNEY.

THERE was a little weary pause between Fred Underwood and Marian. He looked, as he had said, as if hope were dead within him. She would have done anything within her power to have assisted him in his sorrowful strait, but there was nothing that she could do. She was impatient of all save earnest desire, and that was of no great benefit to him in his extremity. The servant came and brought their breakfast; but there was no appetite on the part of either. Marian swallowed a little coffee, as if to give her strength, then she leaned forward and placed her hand upon his arm. "You must not think of me," she said earnestly. "I have already told you, and I tell you truly, that there is absolutely nothing that you can do for me. I am not to be considered. I have already told you that there are no circumstances under which I would become Mr. Beckwith's wife, however much he might desire it!" "And yet you love him." She colored painfully. "That is a fact which I must leave behind me with the past that I am going to try to blot from my remembrance. It would be the greatest folly for me to attempt to remain here. I must go away. New York holds no promise for me. I must go where I am not known." "And starve?" "There is something honorable in starvation, and I am beginning to think that nothing matters so long as it is not dishonorable. I could never

remain here where my story is known, where the shame that has blighted my life is upon every tongue, where I should be pointed out as the girl whose own father disgraced her. Oh Mr. Underwood, can't you see how impossible it all is? Can't you understand that no man would want to make such a woman his wife, even if that were the only misfortune that attached to her? No. I must go away. I must make my own way in the world, or I must sink under my burden, as fate ordains. I am sorry for you. There is nothing that I would not do if it were in my power, for you have been the only friend that I have possessed; but you must see how powerless I am to help you in any way."

"I hope you don't think that I have been considering myself alone in this case?" he cried, looking up quickly. "I hope you don't think I was striving to plan a reconciliation between you and June, in order that Miss Gordon be left free for me?"

"There was almost a trace of horror in his tone, and she hastened to reassure him. "No, no! I beg of you not to believe such a thing. I know that you are good and true. Have you not proven it to me? I think nothing of you that is not noble and sincere. You believe that, do you not?"

"I will try to believe it if you will promise me one thing."

"And that is?"

"That you will do nothing without my sanction. That you will make no attempt to escape my friendly interest. Somehow I feel myself indirectly responsible for your present position, and I would make amends in any way that might lay in my power. It was I who first told June of your father's business. It was I who first told him of—the shame that attached to your residence there."

"But the fault was not yours, and no blame should rest upon you. You would have little deserved the name of friend if you had not told him what you believed to be a shameful truth."

"Then you have no censure for me?"

"None."

"Will you prove it?"

"By making the promise that you have asked?"

"Yes. That you will make no move that we have not canvassed thoroughly together; that you will trust me and let me help you. In return, I will swear to you that nothing will tempt me to betray your place of residence, or any part of this story, without your permission. Will you do it?"

"Yes."

"Thank you. It is a great relief to me. I should feel myself eternally culpable if I were not allowed to look after you—in a measure, to take care of you. I think I am recovering somewhat—with a smile. "I am afraid that I have been a great baby; but, you know, there must come moments of weakness in the life of the strongest man. I have proven to myself that a little girl can have more courage than a six-foot coward such as I can have in his whole body. I have made a baby of myself, while you have been the heroine; but it is all gone now. Now let us talk. I propose that you go out into the country for awhile, until we have time to think and plan."

"I know a family who have a charming farmhouse where I can take you, and where you will be perfectly safe. I never like to jump into a thing without due consideration, and we should be sure to make a wrong move if we did anything in the mental disquiet that is now upon us. If you remain here, I am afraid that you would be made very uncomfortable. The newspapers are liable to get hold of the affair at any moment. Reporters are like bloodhounds. They would find you without doubt, and your life would be made a torture. In order to avoid all that, suppose you go out to my friends for a few days. They are simple people, and will ask no questions. Will you do this?"

"Gladly."

"Then I will drive you out there today."

"But there is one thing that I had forgotten."

"And that is?"

"My grandmother. Oh, Mr. Underwood, think for me! It seems that at every turn I am confronted by some new emergency. She has been more than a mother to me. She has been everything in one, and—I shame to confess it—I had forgotten her as entirely as if she had never existed. It will kill her if I leave her. What am I to do?"

"She had buried her face in her hands. There were no sobs, no tears. Underwood was thankful for that, though a woman would have understood the situation better. He put out his hands and gently patted the bowed head.

"Don't let that distress you," he said kindly. "I am in the habit of going to the house. I can go there and see her. I will explain all that is necessary, and we can decide later, when we know more, how best to act."

"How shall I thank you?" she asked, lifting her white face wearily.

"Only by letting me do something to relieve you of the position in which I have helped to place you. Will you go out to the country this morning?"

"At once, if you like."

"That is well. You remain here until I have ordered a carriage, then you can get your hat, and we will be off. And you will promise to trust me? You promise that you will not leave without communicating with me?"

"I do."

"That is well. Somehow I feel encouraged, as if the beginning of the end were near. After all, little one, we can do no more than let events take their own course."

He arose and got his hat; then:

"Don't look so unhappy," he said gently. "You will find that there is more in this old world to live for than you have dreamed of. Love is not the only thing that goes to make up life, dear,

though no one will deny that it is the best thing. We are blinded now by our hopelessness and fear of the future; but there never came a rain that the sun could not dry. There has never been a cloud that was stationary. The sky is always clearest when the storm has passed."

He went out and left her there alone. She could not have told whether it was his words or a gleam of sunshine that had suddenly penetrated, from some other cause, into her own clouded heart; but she felt the lifting of the terrible burden she had borne. Perhaps it was because some one was bearing it with her.

She had always hated sympathy, and yet she felt that she could bear it from Underwood. It came to her from him a sweet, soothing influence, whereas from another it had wounded her to the quick. She had felt it to be an insult from another, but from him it seemed a benediction.

She was actually considering that she would tell him the story of her life. She had about made up her mind to tell him who it was that was confined in the little vine-covered house near Judson's asylum. She had about decided that she would tell him of the tableau that she had witnessed the night that Anne Gordon was robbed of her jewels; but when he appeared before her again, she shrank from adding that shame to her father's life. She would not tell him one without the other, and so her lips were sealed.

"Come," he said, "the carriage is at the door."

He took her down the hall to her own room. He even observed that she was more agitated than she had been when he left her, not ten minutes before; but he asked her no questions.

He waited in the hall until she had pinned on her hat, then he took her arm and led her to the elevator.

He placed her in the carriage and gave directions to the coachman before he entered himself. She did not hear his words, and it is doubtful if they would have conveyed any meaning to her if she had.

## CHAPTER XXV.

### MARIAN MAKES AN ACQUAINTANCE.

It was a beautiful place, the one to which Underwood took Marian that memorable morning. It was a farmhouse, and the people were simple enough, but Nature had been most bountiful in her gifts.

The gray lichens hung in heavy picturesqueness to the trees, and morning-glories wound in and out among the branches. There were dainty ferns in the shaded places and sweet-briar in the sunny ones, with clusters of bluebells and forget-me-nots in artistic profusion. The house was old-fashioned and roomy, with balconies stretching to right and left, and giant oaks of centuries' growth planted immediately in front for the shade.

But it was neither the beauty nor the safety of it all that appealed most to Marian. It was the purity. The silence that would have oppressed another was glorious to her. The breathless stillness seemed to impart peace and restfulness. It seemed to her that the hand of God was hovering over its very isolation, and she bowed her head, while a little unuttered prayer hovered on her lips.

Somehow the memory of that conversation with Elliott Dwight returned to her. She recalled how she had spoken of her delight in light, in the breath of hothouse flowers, in the possession of jewels, and in bacchanalian revelry, and she shivered a little at the remembrance. It seemed impossible now that such words could ever have left her lips, even in the wildest jest. But the peace and quiet and holiness of this place was too perfect for that recollection to remain.

And Underwood left her there with the old people, after he had obtained from her the reiterated promise that she would do nothing without first consulting him.

"Good by," he said to her on leaving. "I shall see your grandmother, and, if it is her wish, bring her out here to you. You may be sure that whatever is done will be for your interest. I hope you will not be unhappy, little one."

She smiled into his eyes. It was the first that he had seen on her lips since she had left her father's home, and it did him good. He patted her head as if he had been her grandfather.

"That is right," he said gently. "There is always hope when a person can smile like that."

"Why should I not?" she asked. "I know that God has not deserted me, in that He has sent me you."

Underwood did not reply. He pressed her hand, even raised it to his lips; then he took his seat in the carriage again, the door slammed, and he was driven away.

She stood there on the balcony, with the warm sun just touching her pretty head. The sound of the wheels and the hoof-strokes had died away. Her thoughts had gone with the person who had just left her, and she did not hear the footsteps beside her, until suddenly she became conscious that some one was mounting the few steps that led to the balcony.

She glanced around.

It was only a woman, yet for just a moment Marian stood there staring at her in a breathless sort of way. She was no longer young, yet somehow the snowy hair did not seem to fit the countenance. It was brushed smoothly away from the brow, and the gray eyes were fixed upon Marian in a half-frightened, half-questioning sort of way.

And what curious eyes they were! Marian had never seen any like them, so filled were they with a wild, indescribable sadness. There was a haunted, startled look about her that would have attracted the attention of any one, and a little quiver passed over Marian as she stepped forward.

She was about to introduce herself, when the

old lady, Mrs. Presbury, the friend to whom Underwood had brought her, came forward through the door and joined them.

"Mrs. King," she said gently, "let me introduce you to Miss Reade. She has come to stay with us for awhile, and I hope you two will be company for each other. I saw you coming up the garden walk and came to make you acquainted. Dinner will not be ready for more than an hour yet. Miss Reade, are you hungry?"

"Not at all," answered Marian.

"Then I won't spoil your appetite by giving you anything now."

She went into the house again, and Marian was left alone with Mrs. King.

She could not have explained it, but a strange kind of embarrassment seemed to oppress Marian. Perhaps it was because those peculiar eyes were fixed on her in that curious, haunting way. Certainly, it was a great relief when Mrs. King pointed to one of the huge garden-chairs, and said:

"Won't you be seated, Miss Reade? You look pale and tired. Have you just come to Wildhurst?"

The voice affected Marian even more than the eyes had done, and she sat down with elaborate care before replying.

"Yes," she said, with a little ring of excitement in the tone that she tried vainly to control. "I have just come. Do you live at Wildhurst?"

The woman smiled. Her face had softened and grown beautiful in those few seconds. The singular apprehension of her expression had gone, and while the sadness of the eyes was there, as haunting and alluring as before, the smile changed all the face.

"I live here for the present," she answered, taking a seat beside the girl. "It is beautiful, is it not?"

"I never saw a more beautiful vista than this. I am afraid I did not see much of the park as we drove through. I was thinking of something else."

"You missed, then, one of the loveliest places in the whole country. Suppose, if you feel equal to it, I take you for a little walk over the grounds, after dinner? I am sure you would feel yourself repaid."

"I should be only too glad."

"A nervous person might not like the situation, but to one who can regard the uncanny without too much horror, there is no place that can equal Wildhurst."

"I don't think I exactly understand you. Is Wildhurst uncanny?"

"Not Wildhurst exactly; no, but its neighbor. I have not the remotest objection to it. It is misfortune that brings us nearer to God."

"I am not acquainted with the neighborhood. Mrs. King, and have not the least idea of what you refer to."

"Haven't they told you, then, that the grounds adjoin those of an asylum?"

Marian started violently.

"An asylum?" she repeated, in a dazed sort of way. "I hope I have not frightened you? I suppose Mr. and Mrs. Presbury thought you knew. But there is not the slightest danger. I assure you of that. There is no reason why you should be afraid."

"I am not afraid," answered Marian, in a low tone, recovering herself somewhat. "I am not—in the least—afraid. But—Mrs. King—what asylum is it that adjoins Wildhurst?"

She had expected the answer; she had felt sure of the syllables that would fall from Mrs. King's lips; and yet when she heard the word, Marian felt back in her chair, growing as white as death. Mrs. King leaned forward and took her hand in a firm, quick grasp.

"What is it?" she asked.

"Nothing—nothing," answered Marian, pulling herself together and smiling wearily. "Only—I have a—relative in there."

Mrs. King did not speak. She could think of nothing to say. The same curious, haunted, expression had crossed her face. She held Marian's hand for a little time in silence, and then, as if unable to endure it longer, Marian rose.

She looked down into the strange face; her lip quivered.

"Excuse me," she said simply, and walked down the steps and out into the garden.

Mrs. King neither replied nor followed. There was something that kept her silent, immovable; but she watched the girl with singular fascination as she disappeared among the trees.

And Marian walked like one in a dream.

It seemed to her like some extraordinary fatality that Underwood should have brought her to that of all places. She, even in the excitement that was upon her, thought how she would have refused to go if she had known; but the knowledge was kept from her.

"Dear God," she whispered, "I understand it all now! I have sinned in neglecting the work that was meant for me to do. I have shunned my duty, and this suffering has been sent upon me in consequence. I see it all now, and with Thy help I will atone. Show me my duty, and grant me the strength to perform it."

She had paused beneath one of the trees, with her hands clasped upon her bosom in mute appeal to Heaven. As the last word left her heart she glanced about her.

There was a gardener at a little distance at work on a flower-bed. She went up to him.

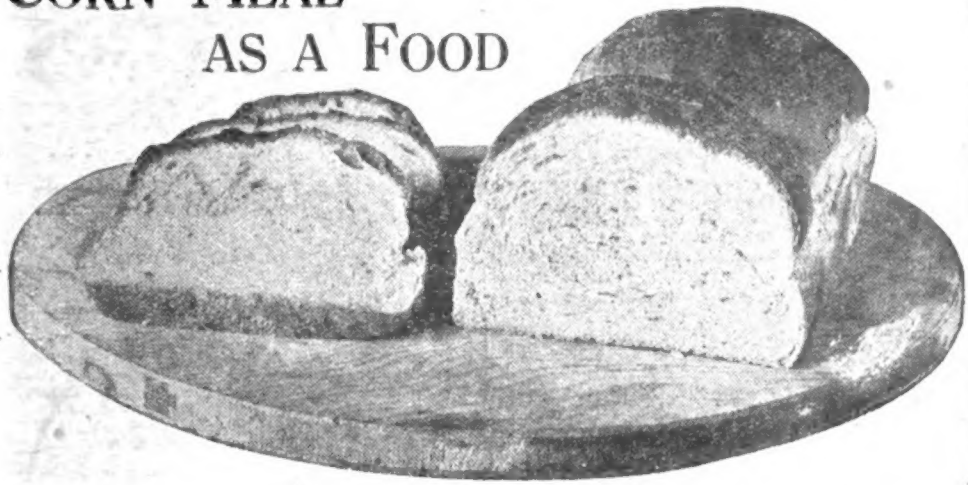
"Can you tell me, sir," she asked gently, "in which direction Doctor Judson's asylum lies?"

"It is just over there across the hedge, miss," he answered, mopping his brow with the sleeve of his shirt; "but there is a small lake just between, and you will have to go around by the gate. The boat-house is there, and Jake will row you across if you want to go. The gate is down that way, miss. Just follow the path."

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# CORN MEAL AS A FOOD



By Violet Marsh

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**C**ORN meal has long been an important food material in this country, and to the Red Man should be given the credit of having first gathered, prepared and cooked this valuable cereal. How the North American Indians gathered the ears of corn before they became hard, roasted them in the embers or before the fire, and made this food the chief source of their living through the season of green corn is told in a history of Carolina written in 1743. Following this account, mention is made of how the ripened and dried corn was parched, beaten to a powder and carried in bags by the Indians on their long marches, so that the only necessary preparation for eating was to mix the corn with a little spring water.

In approaching the subject of corn meal as a food, let us first briefly take up the composition of the ordinary family diet, that we may better understand the possibilities of corn as compared with other cereal foods in common use.

Without vegetables and fruits there is danger that the diet may be lacking in mineral matter and other substances needed in the making of tissue and for keeping the body in health.

Without milk, cheese, eggs, fish, and dried peas, beans, etc., the diet is sure to lack some of the materials needed to make body protein, which is found in all the tissues.

Without sugar, molasses, syrups, honey, and other sweets, the diet would be lacking in sugar, valued as body fuel and for its flavor.

Without fats and oils, which have a high value as body fuel, and give to food an agreeable quality commonly called "richness," the diet would be lacking a needed component.

Without wheat, oats, rye, corn, barley, rice and their products, the diet would contain practically no starch, the cheapest kind of body fuel, and would also fall short of the total amount of protein required for tissue making, unless milk, cheese, eggs, fish, peas, beans, etc., are used more freely than is desirable for economy and health.

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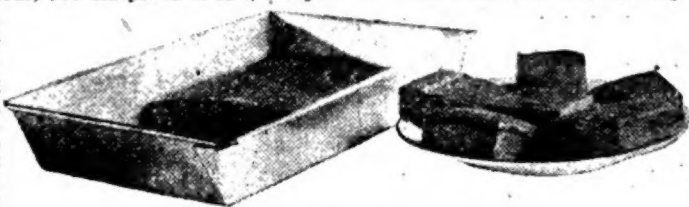
There are many varieties of corn, and as many flavors. White corn is the milder in flavor and preferred generally in the Southern States, and in Rhode Island, while the yellow is preferred in the Northern States as a whole. The blue, black and red varieties have always been very largely used in the Southwest, where Spanish influence is marked.

Except when corn is eaten fresh from the cob, or canned, it is generally used in the form of granulated or bolted meal, corn flour, hominy or grits. Besides being used in these forms, the consumption of popped corn is very large throughout the country.

## Corn Meal Recipes

**RAISED CORN BREAD.**—One and one-half quart of fine corn meal, two and one-half quarts of sifted wheat flour, two teaspoons of salt, one pint

of either dry-cooked mashed pumpkin, or cooked mashed sweet potato, and one or two yeast-cakes. Put together as follows: Mix one pint each of the corn meal and the flour and add warm water enough to form a stiff batter. Add the yeast-cakes previously mixed with one-half cup of lukewarm water. Keep this sponge in a warm place until it becomes light, taking care that it does not stand long enough to rise and fall in the center. Scald the remaining meal with water, and as soon as it is cool enough add it to the sponge with the flour, potato or pumpkin, and salt. The dough should be just thick enough to knead without danger of its sticking to the board. Knead well and put in a warm place to rise, cut down, and let it rise the second time. Cut down and with buttered hands make into loaves without kneading. Let rise twice its size and bake one hour in a moderate oven. See illustration at top of page.



CORN CAKE

**RHODE ISLAND JOHNNY CAKES.**—Since the earliest records of using corn meal this simplest variety of corn cake has been made in the little state from which it takes its name. Another name by which it is called in some parts of New England is scalded corn cake. Put one cup of fine white corn meal and one-half teaspoon of salt into a stew-pan and slowly stir in actively boiling water until all is wet and of a crumbly consistency, but not a dough. Do not have it in too hot a place as it will burn. Continue stirring until the meal is swollen, and then add, a little at a time, enough cold milk to form a batter that will hold its shape when dropped from the spoon. If too soft the cakes will not be tender, and if too stiff they will be dry when cooked. Have the griddle well greased but not hot enough to brown the cakes quickly. Drop by spoonfuls, pat into uniform shapes until about half an inch thick, and slowly brown. Place a bit of butter in the center of each and turn. As they cook it is well to move them about in the pan. Half a teaspoon of sugar may be added to the meal if desired.

**INDIAN BANNOCK.**—Mix together one cup of fine corn meal, one scant tablespoon of sugar, one even teaspoon of salt, and stir into it two cups of boiling milk. When nearly cold, add the yolks of two eggs well beaten, and, lastly, the beaten whites. Bake in a shallow pudding dish in a very hot oven. Serve with butter.

**CORN CAKE.**—Sift together one cup of white flour, two cups of yellow corn meal, one scant teaspoon of salt, three level teaspoons of baking powder, and one-half cup of sugar. Beat two eggs, add two cups of milk and stir into the drys. Add two tablespoons of melted butter, and beat the mixture very hard for two minutes. Bake in a moderate oven half an hour.

**CORN CAKE WITHOUT EGGS.**—Sift together one and one-half cup of fine corn meal, half a cup of flour, two tablespoons of sugar, one teaspoon of salt, one teaspoon of soda, and two teaspoons of cream of tartar. Add six tablespoons of heavy cream and sweet milk to form a batter. It should not be soft enough to run. Spread about half an inch thick and bake in a fairly hot oven until it shrinks from the edges and is a rich brown.

**CORN AND RYE MUFFINS.**—Put five cups of boiling water into a stew-pan, slowly stir in one cup of fine corn meal, three tablespoons of sugar, one teaspoon of salt, and two tablespoons of butter. Cook slowly one hour, stirring frequently, then pour into a mixing bowl. Over the top pour one-half cup of cold water to prevent a crust forming.

In the morning add one beaten egg and beat the mixture until well blended, then add one cup of corn flour, white flour and rye flour, and two rounding teaspoons of baking powder. Bake in a hot oven in muffin-pans.

**CUSTARD CORN CAKE.**—Three-fourths

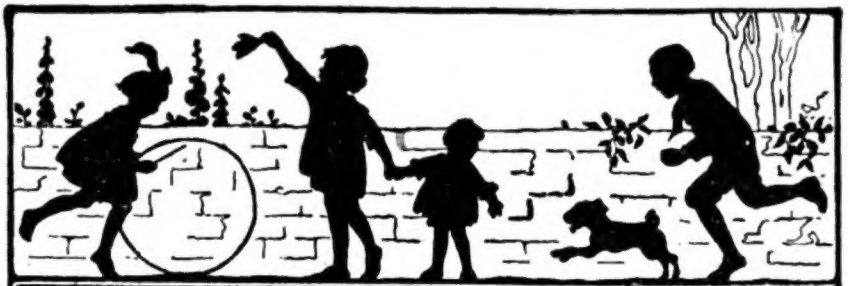
cup of corn meal, one-fourth cup of flour, one-half teaspoon of salt, one-half teaspoon of soda, two level tablespoons of sugar sifted together. Beat one egg, add one-half cup of sweet milk, one-half cup of thick sour milk, and stir in the drys. Beat hard. Melt a tablespoon of butter in a buttered tin and pour the mixture over it. Pour half a cup of sweet light cream over the top, but do not stir it. Bake in a hot oven twenty-five minutes. When cooked, there should be a layer of custard on top of the cake.

**MUSH WITH CHEESE.**—Cut cold mush into quarter-inch rounds. Prepare sandwich fashion, with a generous layer of cheese, a dash of cayenne and a light sprinkling of salt, and fry brown in pork fat.

## Miscellaneous Recipes

**CORN-MEAL MUSH.**—Bring to a boil one and one-half cup of water and two of milk with one level teaspoon of salt. Wet one cup of fine yellow corn meal with one-half cup of cold water, and slowly stir it into the boiling water and milk. Stir constantly, and as soon as it thickens pour into a double boiler, or set the stew-pan into a pan of boiling water. Cover closely and cook one

hour. Longer cooking will improve the flavor. **BOILED CALF'S HEAD.**—Scrape, remove the dark membrane from the inside, the eyes and the gristle around the nose. Remove the brains and tongue and cover with cold water. Soak the head two hours in lukewarm water. Drain, cover head, tongue and brains with cold water, slowly bring to a boil and carefully skim. Now add half a cup each of thinly-sliced carrot and celery, one small onion sliced, one-fourth teaspoon of white pepper, and after the boiling point is reached again, place where it will simmer so that the meat will not cook apart. When about half done, add one teaspoon of salt. Remove bones when the meat commences to fall from them, thicken the liquor with a little dry flour and butter creamed



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together, or add spoonful of soft biscuit dough, cover the kettle closely and slowly cook fifteen minutes.

**DEVILED LIVER.**—Fresh calf's liver should be used. Cut into small cubes and fry in a little bacon fat, add a few scrapings of onion, salt and pepper, and just before taking from the fire one or two tablespoons of tomato ketchup. Cook until tender, but not dry, and put through the meat chopper. Reheat by returning to the frying-pan and turn onto a platter. Garnish with slices of hard-boiled eggs, and lemon.

**TOMATO SAUSAGE.**—Use tomatoes that have been canned whole; remove seeds and drain. Cut three pounds of lean pork into small pieces. Cook one-half cup of washed rice in three quarts of salted water, boiling it hard for ten minutes; drain. Use one cup of firm tomato. Stir meat, rice and tomato together and put it through the grinder. Season with salt, white pepper, cayenne and sage, using sparingly of the two latter. It is well to test the flavor by frying a bit. Put sausage meat into casing. Another way to prepare the meat is to make it into a roll, cutting it into inch-thick slices. Place very thin slices of salt pork or bacon in the bottom of a tin, lay on the slices and bake in a moderately hot oven three-fourths of an hour. These are wholesome and delicious. Eat with baked potatoes and apple sauce.

**SUGARED CARROTS.**—Scrape, slice into rounds, cover with boiling water and cook until soft. To about every four good-sized carrots there should be half a cup of water in the stew-pan when the carrots are done, so it is better to add a little water from time to time than to use too much water at the start. Pour the cooked carrots with water into a baking tin, lightly sprinkle with sugar, dot with butter, add a little salt, one tablespoon of lemon juice and a few gratings of the rind, and bake in a hot oven fifteen minutes, basting several times.

**HOT BREAKFAST CAKES.**—Sift together one and one-fourth cup of flour, two even teaspoons of baking powder, and one-third teaspoon of salt. Beat one egg until light, add one cup of sour milk and a scant one-third teaspoon of soda, and into this mixture beat the flour, and, lastly, two tablespoons of melted butter. Fry by spoonfuls on a hot griddle.

**POPOVERS.**—One of the secrets of light popovers is beating the egg a very little, just enough to break it up, and another is to pour the batter either into hot earthenware cups or iron gem-pans, as the heat starts immediate rising. The oven must be hot, and after baking thirty minutes it is well to keep them in the oven with the door open for about five minutes. Put the batter together as follows: Beat one egg slightly and then stir well into it one cup of milk. Add to this one cup of sifted flour and one-half teaspoon of salt. Beat just enough for smoothness.

**BUTTERSCOTCH PIE.**—Mix well together two tablespoons of flour and one scant cup of dark brown sugar, and add two unbeaten egg yolks and one tablespoon of creamed butter. Stir until light and well blended. Gradually add one cup of hot milk, and cook slowly until it thickens, stirring continuously. When cold, add half a teaspoon of vanilla, pour into a crust previously baked or on an inverted pie tin. After the crust is shaped over the tin, prick it full of holes with a steel fork to allow an escape for the steam, otherwise it will puff away from the tin. Cover with a meringue made of two egg whites beaten very stiff and two tablespoons of sugar gradually beaten in. Brown in a moderate oven.

**COFFEE JELLY.**—One quart of boiling hot strained coffee, two-thirds cup of sugar, and two tablespoons of granulated gelatine previously soaked ten minutes in half a cup of cold water. As soon as the sugar and gelatine are dissolved pour into a mould to stiffen. Serve with sweetened whipped cream flavored with extract of cinnamon.

**DELICATE PUDDING.**—Wash half a cup of rice, soak over night in lightly salted water, drain, and add one cup of rich cold milk. The mixture should fill an earthen baking dish about half full. Cover closely and bake in a moderate oven until the kernels are puffed and soft. Be sure it does not boil. Beat the yolks of three eggs until light, yellow, add half a cup of sugar and beat again, then stir in two cups of scalding hot milk and mix it with the cooked rice. Cover and bake until the custard is set which will only take a short time. As the heat of the pudding and dish will continue the cooking of the custard after it is taken from the oven, it is well to remove it a little underdone. Serve lukewarm or cold with whipped cream sweetened and flavored with vanilla.

**ORANGE SYRUP.**—Select thoroughly ripened oranges, grate the yellow from the rinds, then squeeze out the juice and strain. To each pint of juice add a pint of sugar and boil ten min-

utes, carefully skimming. Add the grated rind of the oranges, cook one minute longer, pour into bottles and seal. Useful for flavorings in sauces, puddings, cake fillings, and refreshing drinks.

## Comfort Sisters' Corner

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start. Young mothers, you can do more with kindness and firmness than by any other method in child rearing. Your child is entitled to the same thoughtful consideration that a grownup is. Win their comradeship and the rest will be easier.

I sometimes read a sisters' view and she seems entirely right. Then I read an opposing view and she seems right too. Then like the old fellow in Silas Marner I feel like saying, "Wal, ye're both right and ye're both wrong."

And some daddies do "lose an hour of sleep" over their children. I have known mine to sit up at my bedside night after night and then work in the daytime. Mother did her part nobly too.

I suppose I should follow the custom and give you a word picture of myself. White, married, twenty-three, curly gold brown hair, turn-up nose, about five feet, two inches tall and varying in weight from 89 to 97 pounds.

It's convenient to be little. It's my chief asset in life. Agents almost invariably ask me for my mother. No, it's not abbreviated skirts. They say it's my face and while I may be infantile in appearance I assure you I am anything but cherubic. I am "growing up" with my two babies, my boy nearly five and my daughter two and one-half. I play with them so much that I am taken to be their sister. You see, we all live together in the little crooked house, with our mother-in-law who is a beauty at past sixty.

Stuffing Blue Chums, did you get your name from stuffing pickaninny dolls or from thinking of Thanksgiving? I thought black babies were my own idea. Well, great minds run in same channels. I also make cats from old stockings, preferably silk. A good one makes two kitties.

I think it would be lovely to receive piles of letters from you sisters as some say they have.

My home town library is making a collection of the public libraries in as many different cities in the country as possible. I have thought of a way to add to their collection. Everyone who reads this please send me a postcard view of your public library.

I think I shall beg or borrow a typewriter to answer everyone with, that is, if I happen to get a lot of letters. Suppose I don't get one!

Love to all. **MRS. ROSEMARY STEIN.**

**NEW ALBANY, R. R. 6, MISS.**

**DEAR COMFORT READERS:** I have been reading COMFORT for several years but this is my first letter. I have lived in the northern part of Mississippi all my life and think my home state the best there is.

The most awful experience I ever had in my life was being blown away in a cyclone, the 20th of last April, at 7:30 in the morning. Ninety-seven were made homeless and we were among that number. Our house was taken up in the air, moved several yards, turned on the top and blown to pieces. My husband was badly injured, being knocked senseless, bruised about head, collar bone and two ribs broken. Our two girls, a niece and I were hurt, but we were thankful to escape with our lives. Several were killed not far from here and now when a storm comes up we are very nervous until we can get to a storm house.

I would like to hear from some sister who has used the Auto Knitter.

We have a good country school near us and I can hear the children playing. We have only one girl there now. The other is in school at New Albany, eleven miles from here. It is our aim to give them good education.

I am blessed with good neighbors, so near that we are almost a little village.

A COMFORT friend. **MRS. J. D. CLARK.**

**Mt. Victoria, Md.**  
**DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND COMFORT SISTERS:** Well, here we are again. How did you enjoy Christmas? Fine, I hope.

Now don't all laugh for I am going to tell you something. When we saw our letter in November COMFORT we were so proud of ourselves that we were like the old frog who tried to puff himself up as big as an ox, and

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# Cubby Bear Umpires the Frogs' Jumping Contest

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"FROGGIE Frolic, from Cedar Lake, is coming to see you today," said Billy Bluejay to Cubby Bear.

"I have heard of Cedar Lake," said Cubby, "but I have never been to see it. Shinyblack Crow said he would take me there some day. But why is Froggie Frolic coming here? I do not know him!"

"I will tell you!" said Billy Bluejay. "The frogs of Cedar Lake, and those who live farther on, at Swampy Bogs, are to have a day of sports and games together. A loving-cup will be the prize for the winning side."

"What is a loving-cup?" asked Cubby.

"Oh, I think from what the frogs said, it is a beautiful cup, just to be looked at—never to be used for drinking! Grifflie Grayson, a gray squirrel who lives this side of Cedar Lake, has been at work for the last three days, carving a cup from wood. Now, the frogs want an umpire for their games."

"What is an umpire?" asked Cubby, puzzled by so many new words.

"The one who sees that there is fair play, and settles disputes."

"We have never had an umpire for our games," said Cubby.

"We shall hereafter!" declared Billy. "We have been behind the times. The frogs asked me if I could tell them of someone who was honest and truthful, and would be fair to everyone. I told them to come to you—that you were the best one I knew to be their umpire!"

Cubby Bear's face shown with pleasure.

"Oh, thank you!" he said, "for saying such nice things about me!"

Froggie Frolic called that afternoon, and explained the plans for the day to Cubby Bear.

Cubby was invited to go to Cedar Lake the day before the grand affair, so to be there early in the morning.

"I would like to have you call at Grifflie Grayson's on your way," said Froggie, "and get the loving-cup. It is not finished yet, and I shall be too busy to go for it."

"Oh, please," asked Cubby, "would you mind if Shinyblack Crow went with me? He could show me the way!"

"Bring him along," answered Froggie. "We shall be glad to have him, I am sure."

When Shinyblack Crow called for Cubby on the day they were to go to Cedar Lake, he found him sitting on the doorstep, waiting in a fever of impatience to start.

After traveling a couple of hours, they came to the hollow tree where Grifflie Grayson had his workshop. Grifflie came to the door to meet them.

"You have come for the frogs' loving-cup," he said. "Froggie Frolic told me you would be here today. I'm not quite satisfied with what I've done, but you shall see!"

He darted inside the tree, and soon reappeared, bringing with him two little cups.

"I hunted everywhere around," said Grifflie anxiously, "and brought home the largest acorn-cups I could find. I knew I could make nothing prettier, and they were about the size the frogs wanted. Of course they would not stand up on their little stems, and were not tall enough by themselves, anyway, so I carved out these little standards to set them in, from a piece of wood. You may take them both, and give the one you like best for the prize."

"I think they are beautiful, and am sure the frogs will be pleased," said Cubby, and put the little cups carefully in his pocket.

The day of the games dawned bright and warm, and the shore at one end of Cedar Lake was alive with frogs, all dressed in their cool suits of green, with white vests. They kept up a lively croaking.

Quite early in the morning their visitors from Swampy Bogs arrived, hopping along through the woods in one vast company.

"I did not know there were so many frogs in the whole world!" said Cubby to Shinyblack Crow.

First they had a tug of war, using a long piece of vine for a rope, the Cedar Lake frogs pulling one way, and those from Swampy Bogs pulling the other. They braced their little feet and pulled, until the vine snapped apart in the center, sending them tumbling.

Springing up, they shouted, "Who won? Who won?"

"They are asking you, Cubby Bear!" said Shinyblack Crow, nudging him. "Answer them!"

"Why, why, nobody won!" faltered Cubby. "The rope broke."

"Wrong!" croaked a gruff-voiced old Swampy Bogger. "Both sides won."

Next came a pebble race, but the players grew so excited nobody stopped to carry the pebbles from one side of the ground to the other, as they should, and the pebbles were thrown in all directions.

"That will soon grow into a fight," Shinyblack Crow warned Cubby. "You must stop them!"

"Please stop," said Cubby in a faint voice.

"They do not hear you. Speak up louder!" said his friend.

"But I do not want them to think I am not polite," said Cubby.

"They wanted you to be umpire, and you must do your duty!"

"Order, order!" cried Cubby, louder this time; but the frog policemen had to go among the players before order was restored.

"Who won? Who won?" was asked again.

"Nobody won!" Cubby told them once more.

Next came a swimming contest. Eight lively young frogs undertook to swim the whole length

of the lake, and come back around the shore.

Cubby Bear, Shinyblack Crow and all the frogs settled themselves on the shore to watch the race.

The eight frogs were excellent swimmers, and started finely, but the sun was hot, and after they were well out on the lake it tired one's eyes to watch them on the sparkling water, and the

tion he was beginning to dread.

"Who won? Who won?"

He started up, rubbed his eyes, and saw, standing before him, the eight young frogs who had started to swim across the lake.

"Who won?" they repeated.

"I don't know!" faltered Cubby. "You were so

far away, and the sun was so bright, and dinner was ready—I didn't see you when you reached the other shore."

The swimmers looked at each other in disgust.

"No one cared enough about the race even to watch us!" one of them said.

"And they ate up all the dinner while we were gone!" cried another angrily.

"It's my opinion this umpire doesn't know his business!" said a third, with an unpleasant sneer at Cubby Bear.

"I am afraid not," agreed Cubby meekly, "but you see, I—I never umpired before!"

Froggie Frolic came hopping up to the little group, and the young frogs were partly pacified by being told that some dinner had been saved for them.

"Now we are to have the jumping!" Froggie Frolic told Cubby. "I hope you will not mind standing out in the lake a little way, so you can be sure who jumps farthest out. Of course it will be shallow water for you, you are so large."

So Cubby stood in the water to watch the jumpers, and many of the frogs sat near him, on large lily pads.

It was amazing to see how the creatures jumped.

One after another they sprang from the shore and came flying out in graceful curves, landing with a splash in the lake. Fast and furious waxed the fun. The air was filled with delighted cheers.

"Caw!" cried Shinyblack Crow. "Look at that!"

For up on the bank shot a small frog, with a tremendous leap, sailed out over Cubby Bear's head, and struck the water far beyond where any other frog had gone.

"Swampy Bogs! Swa-a-mpy Bogs!" yelled the visiting frogs, hopping up and down in excitement. "Swampy Bogs wins!"

The wonderful young jumper, Sammie by name, swam back to shore, where he was quite overpowered by the embraces of his rejoicing friends.

"Tell them it's over," a big Swampy Bogger said to Cubby Bear. "You're umpire—tell them we've won!"

Thus urged, Cubby called in a loud voice:

"The contest is ended. Won by Sammie, of Swampy Bogs!"

An indignant voice rose above the wild cheering which followed.

"A cheat! A cheat!" cried Froggie Frolic. "Call the crowd to order, Cubby Bear!"

"Order!" said Cubby. "Listen to what Froggie Frolic has to say."

"No cheat about it!" said a frog from the Bogs. "The umpire has declared we won the game. There's nothing more to be said. Pass over the loving-cup!"

"Not so fast!" cried Froggie Frolic. "With my own eyes I saw what was done. Sammie's grandfather, the biggest, heaviest from here, drew down a branch of that little tree over there, and sat upon it; then called Sammie to take hold of the end. When the grandfather slid off, of course the branch straightened, and Sammie flew out over the water. It was a cheat, a cheat! You must tell them so, Cubby Bear!"

Cubby Bear, his face troubled, waded to the shore.

"What shall I do, Shinyblack Crow?" he asked.

"The crowd is no umpire," the frogs objected.

"Do what you think is right," said Shinyblack Crow.

"There were no rules about jumping," declared the Swampy frogs. "If Grandfather Frog was bright enough to make Sammie jump higher than the others, the loving-cup is ours!"

"Never!" cried the Cedar Lakes. "The sports are ended for the day. We keep the loving-cup. Poor Cubby was puzzled. He wanted to settle the matter right, and he wanted the day to end happily for everyone. What could he do?"

He cleared his throat, stood up straight before them, and made his little speech.

"The games have been good today," he said. "You have wonderful swimmers, to go the whole length of the lake. The dinner was a fine one, and the jumping the best I ever saw frogs do. Grandfather Frog was quick-witted to think of his little joke, and Sammie had a grand flip. But of course it was only a joke, and not a real jump. Neither Grandfather Frog nor Sammie would want to get the loving-cup that way! Both sides have done well, and Shinyblack Crow and I thank you for our share in the fun."

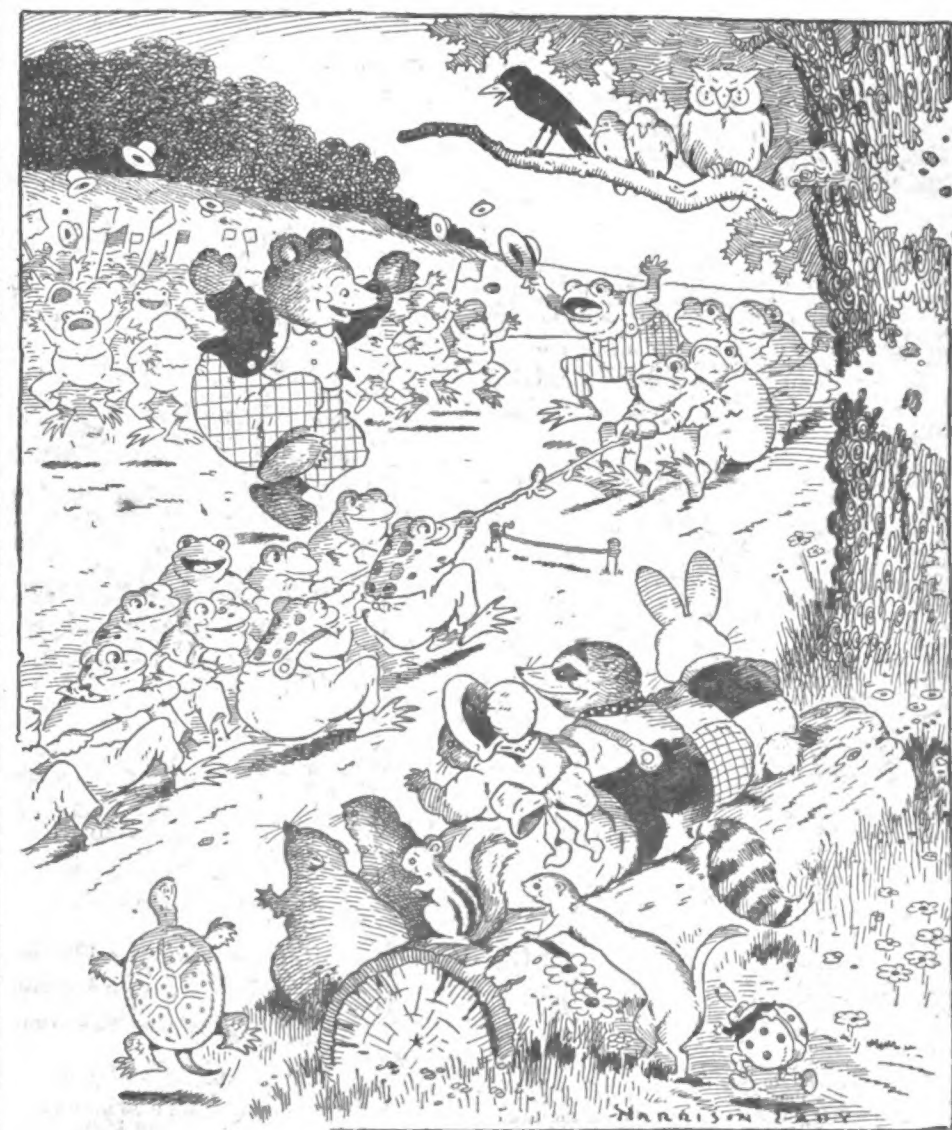
Here he took the two little loving-cups from his pocket and held them up to view.

"I have decided," he went on, "that both sides have won a loving-cup, so I shall give this one, here, to Froggie Frolic for the Cedar Lake Frogs, and this other to Grandfather Frog, for the Swampy Bogs people. Please come forward and get them."

The cheering was feeble at first, but soon all joined, and the frowns on the froggy faces were replaced by smiles. After all, each side had its loving-cup, and it was better to be friends than enemies.

"You did well, Cubby Bear," said Shinyblack Crow, as they were on their way home, "to settle the matter as you did, and please them all."

"Yes," answered Cubby, "but if Grifflie Grayson had not made two loving-cups, whatever should I have done?"



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Sturdy trees are slow in growing.

Spread kindness; it goes a long way.

An acorn and God can make an oak.

Secrets make a dungeon of the heart.

The man that seeks power loses liberty.

Selfishness is not the road to happiness.

There is something good in all weathers.

There can be no charm without courtesy.

Curiosity of the right sort is a great asset.

The best thing to give your enemy is forgiveness.

Do not break a record if it means breaking a heart.

He feeds upon his own life who has nothing to love.

Labor and the soil are the only real bases of wealth.

There is no sponge that can wipe out what has been said.

A hearthstone should have a glow that can warm the soul.

Kings have few things to desire, but many things to fear.

The sweetest part of the cup of life is often at the bottom.

Mark with deeds the vanishing traces of swift-rolling Time.

A liar faces God, however much he may hide the truth from men.

If you see good in everybody, nearly everybody will see good in you.

The money which goes farthest is that earned honestly and honorably.

Spin cheerfully, carefully, prayerfully; but leave the thread with God.

The wrecks that strew Life's ocean are those that had no star for a guide.

The great, who are so well known to all, are often strangers to themselves.

A man is rich in proportion to the number of things he can afford to let alone.



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**A**S Billy sat down to breakfast this morning, I was unsympathetic enough to be a little amused when I saw him rub his left knee meditatively and mournfully. "Gosh, Uncle Lisha," he said as a greeting; "how the wind did blow last night! And this morning it looks mighty like snow. It certainly is a long winter."

"I thought you were a philosopher, Billy," I said, as I passed him the bran muffins. "You know you can't change the weather and the calendar. March is seldom a pleasant month, and never a warm one in our latitude. How is your game leg this morning? I thought I smelt liniment."

"Oh, my leg is all right, Uncle Lisha," said Billy disgustedly. "Or it will be when I can get out and we can have some decent weather. I am not a cripple yet, thank you. But I must say, Uncle, that this winter seems as long as a second Ice Age. I want to see green grass and dandelions!"

"Bill," I chuckled; "I love you because you are so human—even to your rheumatism. You want Spring, but you are not willing to wait patiently for it and its place in the months; and you really take a sort of unhappy pleasure in kicking about the present, rather than looking forward with a grin to the April days that are coming. Yet you know there are always dandelions every year—and the grass has an old-fashioned habit of becoming green no matter how hard the cold winds have been blowing a few weeks before."

"You can talk, Uncle Lisha," replied Billy, giving a little shiver as the windows shook and a blind banged upstairs; "but that doesn't put the thermometer up any or stop this blame wind. Ugh, what a day!"

"Bill, old boy," I said, "cheer up! Take another hot muffin and listen a minute. It is not that the things best worth having must be worked for. No; Spring is a happy gift to us each year. But all good things must assuredly be waited for. Patience must have her perfect work if we want her to give us perfect things. This snow we are having now will make your grass in Prospect Park all the greener by-and-by, and add more of an eighteen-carat gold to your dandelions. Even this wind will cease and let the clouds gather for showers of warm rain. And just so, too, the very winds of unrest that are blowing about the earth today and banging governmental shutters are going to subside in the end into national and political weather which, if yet far from perfect, will be much warmer and sunnier than that the shivery old world has been lately experiencing. Spring seems always slow in coming, Billy; and slower that her delaying footsteps is the movement of humanity—creeping through the years and centuries a little nearer always to the time when the ice of ancient human hatreds will have melted and the storms of national angers ended. It is only then that we can expect the first flowers of peace and understanding to begin blooming in the better world season that must finally be ours. I've got faith that this season will come, Billy. I'm sure it has a place on God's calendar—and is just as much a part of it as your grass and dandelions."

Billy raised his left eyebrow and assumed the quizzical expression I have learned to know so well. "Uncle Lisha," said he, in the tone of one having a forced part in a futile discussion; "you can have all the faith you want. I'm glad if it makes you happy—and keeps you free from chills. But in such weather as this I'd rather have a full coal bin than all the faith in the world." And Billy looked fondly toward the radiator which, for a wonder, was steamingly hot.

"That's just where you're wrong, Bill," I answered seriously. "It is faith which can keep our hearts warm when all the coal mines in Pennsylvania might fail at the job. There are some pretty cold hearts in the world today, Billy, who are yet able to sit before the biggest and snuggest sort of fires. And they are thinking chilly thoughts. We need the glow of faith if we are to realize the betterment that is honestly possible in human life, and we need the warm hearts this faith can give if we are to work cheerfully for a world of happier and better order—and be patient while we work. Selfishness, disillusionment and unfaith are sadder sins than we know. They mean the setting-up of an altar, the worshiping of an idol, whose very ugliness would frighten those who kneel if they dared to look closely. By believing in our fellow-men we believe anew in ourselves; by helping others, we, too, are helped; by maintaining our faith in perfect patience we do not make the work of God harder. Just as Spring is nearer to us when we have faith in its coming, so humanity's slow movement onward is helped by every one of us who keeps his faith in God and man; by everyone who knows that all cold and barren years and places can yet blossom; by all who hold hopefully to a belief in the coming of the Springtime of the World. It is in these ways we can look past storm and change to something sunnier beyond—and by this seeing make the light come closer and warmer."

"Forward, March!" is the word, Billy; and the further March goes forward, and we march forward, so the sooner April will be here, and we a bit more on our way."

But Bill, who had by this time finished six muffins and all the butter, only pushed his chair over by the radiator and started to look up the day's weather report in the Brooklyn Bugle. Every time the windows shook his nose quivered uneasily. His silence was eloquently chilly. Billy will be glad when Spring comes, poor chap! The winter has been long, but I think that he is making it longer.

And now for the letters:

BISMARCK, B. E. 1, N. DAK.

DEAR UNCLE LISHA:

As I have never seen a letter from North Dakota, I will write one. I am fourteen years old, have light complexion, blue eyes and light brown hair. I am five feet, four inches tall. I graduated a year ago in the eighth grade. Now I want to go through high school. I don't mean in one door and out the other, but to really graduate. My sister is teaching her second term of school. I want to teach school, too, as soon as I can get smart enough.

My! I'd like to see Old Scissorbill. But I don't think I will ever risk going to Canada. I look bad enough now and I wouldn't want those Canadian winds to hit me. I would like to see folks have a sense of humor, though.

I can do all sorts of housework—odds and ends too numerous to mention. I live on a big farm (no; I don't own it), can ride a horse, hoe spuds and feed the pigs.

Can I milk a cow? Oh, hardly. They say I milk so slow that the milk would sour before I got through. So I'm excused to wash the dishes.

I am a League member and my number is 45011, but here comes the bad part of it: I had a lovely League badge. Of course I wore it to show the neighbors, and as I stooped over to pat their frisky pup my badge fell off—and that pup done ate it! I would have just liked to have performed an operation then and there! So now, sad to relate, I have no badge.

Do any of the cousins live in Indiana? That's the state I came from.

Your loving niece, GLADYS BRECHTEL.

Although you write from the capital of North Dakota, Gladys, I feel sure you are not living under the dome of your state house, nor hoeing spuds in the grounds of your Dakotan penitentiary. But I do wonder if your "big farm" lies along Apple Creek, or is up by Sunny or Sweetbriar? For these are charming names, Gladys, and it ought to make one happier to live near such delightfully named localities. Billy, who is interested in what he calls "municipal nomenclature," called my attention to the fact that your old home state of Indiana contained such harshly named towns as Gatchell, Blankenship and Central Barren. "If Cousin Gladys is now living near Aster, Sweetbriar or Angora, Uncle Lisha, she should be glad to have left such badly christened Hoosier hamlets behind her," said Billy. But I told Billy that your letter was just snappy enough to make me willing to bet him a bran muffin you used to live in Pimento, Vigo County, Indiana, before you struck North.

If all I have heard about Dakota winds is true, Gladys, you will not have to go up in Old Scissorbill's Canadian country to get warped. Winds do not seem to pay much attention to boundary lines or custom duties, and so can go warping and whooping about Sweetbriar and Sunny just as blusterously as when they are blowing Medicine Hat off the head of Alberta. However, I'll hope you are not warped too badly as yet, and that you do not resemble Old Scissorbill too strongly.

As for a sense of humor, Gladys, you are right in knowing it's a sense worth having. Folks that lack this mental smile-aid are generally short on other important mental qualities—particularly that useful sense known as "horse" sense.

Although I mourned your loss, Gladys, I was much interested to hear that there was a Dakota pup alert enough to snap at the opportunity of becoming a member of our League and that this pup now wears our badge—even if on the inside of his coat. Billy was delighted to get this piece of news because he has long been in favor of having a four-legged branch of the Cousins—with himself as Honorary President, of course.

CATAWBA, WEST VIRGINIA.

DEAR UNCLE LISHA:

As I have never seen any letters from this part of the state, I thought I would write one. I am fourteen years old. I walk about two miles to school. We have a man teacher and he is pretty cross sometimes. We have only thirteen scholars and they are all boys but two. It is awful lonesome when one of us girls misses a session—for there is only one comes then. I will write again if Billy the Goat doesn't eat this letter. Good bye!

A loving cousin, MILDRED BUNNER.

Mildred, I think the reason your teacher gets ill-tempered is because he has so many boys to manage. If there could be some way arranged of putting more girls into your schoolroom, your petted pedagogue would have easier going. What has become of all the girls in Catawba, Mildred? Have they all grown up and got married? Or do they have to stay home and help make grape juice out of the famous Catawba grapes? Cousin Augustus H. Tick might say they had lost their powder-puffs, perhaps, and so could not get properly dressed to come to school! But cantankerous cousin Gus has been quiet of late and I, for one, would not be a bit surprised to hear that he was coming home from the movies these nights and brushing some powder spots from his new overcoat. You can never tell how these young reformers are going to backslide—particularly if the slide is made extra slippery by red cheeks and bright eyes. Well, Mildred, even if your teacher is "pretty cross," this is much better than having him "ugly cross." No teacher is so bad but he or she might be much worse. I used to study under a mighty irascible master of about five feet, two inches. And when I left him for another whose disposition was about the same, but whose height was over six feet, I wished painfully many times that I could have had the shorter-armed, smaller-muscled teacher back again. If you want to help things out, Mildred, you will have to try and scare up a few more girls and import them into Catawba from the neighboring villages and vineyards. Billy says he knows lots of girls who would be glad to move into a community where those long-legged animals called boys were so obtrusively numerous. So if you can't find enough school-immigrants, Milly, write to Billy and he will send you his list. Certainly something ought to be done to help your loneliness and your teacher's pretty-crossness.

NJMOPS, OP. ESELEUS.

DEAR UNCLE LISHA:

No; I am not a Russian, nor do I live in Russia, although some people try to make us believe that all in this state are members of the Russian Bolsheviks except themselves. But I am trying to beg something from the cousins this time, and so I am hiding my name and address for fear of getting too many answers to my plea. I would appreciate it very much if some cousin would send me a dozen or so cotton seeds. I picked some myself once near Waco, Texas, while I was stationed at Camp McArthur, but the blamed stuff wouldn't grow. As most of the cousins describe themselves I will do the same, so that you may know what a Russian looks like: I am six feet tall and thirty-six inch belt measure, otherwise I don't look a darn sight worse than anyone else.

I will be glad to answer all letters from those cousins who can decipher my true name and address—as I know these writers will be wise birds.

Your loving cousin, CROOGE HJMOFSUTPO.

Cousin Cfoof of Njmops, your mystifying letter did a good turn to Billy; it took his mind off his rheumatism and the weather. For the past three days he has done nothing but consult foreign and domestic lexicons and gazetteers in the vain endeavor to discover the secret of your name and nationality.

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Anyhow?You may get \$500  
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**H**OW would you like to have a Silent Partner from whom you could borrow the "much-needed-Five-or-Ten-Dollars" that is so hard to get, sometimes, when you need it most? Of course you'd like to have one! And here it is! Here is the Housewife's Silent Partner,—the "friend-in-need"

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# MARRIAGE—The New Woman's Problem By Maud Mary

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**A**T Norah's suggestion Harriet Landis had slipped out of her severe evening frock and into a flannel wrapper and had seated herself on the floor in front of the fire, a little ill at ease in her unaccustomed posture.

She wondered why she had, at Norah's urgent summons, thrown over an important board meeting in Boston to race over to the latter's studio party.

But, she admitted with a shrug of her square shoulders, Norah Lane had compelled her to do unconsidered things even in their days at the college where Norah, a quick-witted freshman, had attracted the older girl who, already graduated, held a secretarial position.

They had seen a good deal of each other during Norah's years at college, and on several occasions Harriet had taken the recently orphaned girl home with her for vacations.

For several years their paths had lain apart, for on leaving college Norah had gone abroad to study art while Harriet had been making a name for herself in the sociological world.

Nearly a year ago, however, Norah had returned to New York and opened a studio and to her had come, if not fame, at least a sudden and decided vogue. And now she was about to give up her studio to marry Harriet's brother.

"I'll be with you in a minute, Hal," sang out Norah as she seated herself at a Florentine desk to dash off a note or two which she had characteristically forgotten.

Harriet turned to look at her hostess, the color running up into her hollow cheeks at the dear diminutive which no one save Norah had ever used.

Norah's was a piquant face, with features too irregular for actual beauty, but with a brow broad and spiritual and widely-spaced, heavily-lashed gray eyes which held sparks of Celtic cleverness. Her mouth was sensitive but willful, her chin firm. The perfection of her coloring and her shining russet hair were, Harriet decided, her chief claims to beauty.

"There!" Norah sealed the last note. "Now for one of our old talks, Hal."

Again the name gave Harriet a galvanic sense of youth and warmed her like a draught of strong wine. With others her personal relations might be reduced to the dispassionate brevity of a charities' report, but never with Norah.

Norah, in her odd black and gold negligee, snuggled down beside the older woman.

"I am so gratified that you came," she breathed. "But I counted on it. If you only knew how I want Dick's family to love me! I have a conviction that your mother and Ellen never will, but if I may count on you, Hal!" Her sensitive fingers crossed the dun-colored flannel of Harriet's wrapper.

"Norah," began Harriet impulsively, "why didn't Richard come over to your party?"

The fingers hung motionless. "Why, you see, Hal, he had an engagement which he could not easily break."

"I—see," added Norah honestly, "I suspect that he didn't wish to break it. I think that he doesn't altogether approve of studio dwellers."

"Well," said Harriet stoutly, "I am glad, at any rate, that I came. I wouldn't have missed seeing you in this setting for the world. It explains you, Norah."

"It explains my very depleted bank account," returned Norah with a rueful shrug. "I am so glad you like it. And did you approve of my friends, Hal?"

"They are very much like mine, Norah, only more open-minded and instinct with life."

"That is a sweet tribute, dear." They fell silent for a moment, Harriet speculating as to what her brother, a college professor at thirty, dignified and austere, would do to this high-spirited girl.

The family had spoiled him, she reflected. Their father having died when they were all young, Mrs. Landis and the girls had deferred to him since his knickerbocker days. His had been the final decision regarding their friends and their food, their frocks and their frolics.

Suddenly it seemed intolerable that he should take this vital girl and fashion her to his mould.

"Norah," she said, "I'm sorry."

Norah was rigid for a moment. "Sorry that your brother is going to marry me?" she asked. "Sorry," corrected Harriet, "that you are going to marry my brother."

"I am afraid you will have to explain that, Hal."

Miss Landis clasped one of the girl's chilly hands till she relaxed. "Dear, I'm afraid, among us, we've made Richard an autocrat."

"Oh, not that, Hal. Dick has strong convictions but he never could be autocratic."

"Are you planning to go on with your illustrating, Norah?"

"Oh, yes, indeed. Not so intensively, of course, for as Dick's wife there'll be demands on my time."

"Have you explained your intention to him?"

Norah laughed. "My dear, what kind of a problem are you imagining? Dick and I are intelligent modernists; I couldn't have loved him else. Our interests will merge. Why not?"

"I hope they do, Norah, only please take my advice and have it all out with him before you are married." And they dropped the subject.

It was to be a quiet wedding, and because of its informality, and because it was the only place which she could claim as home, Norah would have loved having it in the studio, but at the suggestion a frown gathered between Landis's fine eyes.

"Wouldn't that be a trifle bizarre, Norah?"

"Bizarre?" she repeated, surprised.

"I must have the president of the college and my intimates among the faculty. What would they think?"

"What should they think?" queried Norah slowly.

"Why, that a studio is scarcely the place to lay the foundation of a home. Besides, who ever heard of a wedding in town in August?"

Landis was a handsome man of great restraint and when he took Norah in his arms as he did then, he subjugated her as one more extravagant with his caresses could never have done.

"Mother has a tiny summer place in Maine," he said, his lips to her hair. "She wishes us to be married there. It is the very place. Trees for a chapel, birds for the music, and the old bishop to bless us."

Under the influence of his hands and his voice Norah's body yielded even if her spirit was not quite under control.

None of her studio friends could go up for the wedding for there were no accommodations to be had in the Maine hamlet and Dick's friends filled Mrs. Landis's cottage to the eaves. At first Norah was bitterly disappointed but she brightened at her lover's plausible reasoning.

A month of idyllic happiness followed the wedding. Landis talked more freely than he ever had done of his ambitions and he read her the opening chapters of the novel he was writing. They made romance-touched plans for their future but nothing was said, ever, of Norah's work, and because self-effacement in the presence of the man she loved had been bred in her for generations and because, at that moment, her emotions were in the ascendant, she did not greatly mind.

She had some lovely frocks, some of which met with her husband's disapproval and those she packed away without a quiver of rebellion.

They went to the beautiful old college town of Gray late in September, taking a suite of rooms at the inn till they should permanently establish themselves.

Norah loved Gray, and while her husband was busy she took long walks by herself. One afternoon on his return from a lecture, she met him with starry eyes.

"Dick!" she cried. "I have found the very place for us on the edge of town—a new house with the look of age about it. And, honey, it's for rent."

She paused expectantly but he was silent.

"There are casement windows, Dick. And yawning fireplaces. And French windows leading to broad piazzas. And a study for you—in a quiet corner with a view of the open country."

Silence.

"And the garret," she went on valiantly, "will do nicely for my studio. The agent is going to have estimates made for a skylight."

"I scarcely think you will need a studio, Norah."

"What—do you mean, Dick?"

"Isn't it enough for you that you are my wife?" The dark pupils of her gray eyes dilated.

"It happens that I have a place in view," his pleasant, unyielding voice was saying.

It was Norah's turn for silence.

"Why, child! He was amusedly tolerant. 'You aren't sulking?' I must be near the campus and the library. As for your work, as you call it, why, good heavens, dear! I'll do the work of the family."

He held out his arms and after a moment of indecision she went to him.

"The Vaughans started today for Japan. It is his sabbatical year. They've offered us their apartment. Only four rooms! Not enough even to need a maid. It is the very place for us."

She wrenched herself free from his arms. "I abominate apartments," she flared. "And where can I put my things from the studio?"

"Sell them," he promptly advised.

"You must be jesting."

"No. Your things were all very well for a studio but one doesn't wish permanently to live in a junk shop."

She turned to the window, too proud to let him see the uprush of tears and when she faced about he had gone.

For an hour she suffered miserably but in the end she decided that it was, after all, a trivial matter and that life was too brief to waste on non-essentials. If her husband wished her to give up her career, she would give it up. It was a mental but not a spiritual surrender.

Landis, too, spent a bitter hour but he was so certain that he was right that he had no argument with himself. His only discomfort lay in hurting Norah. He returned to the inn to find her pleasant but very quiet.

"Won't you come with me to see that apartment?" he asked after a time.

"If you like," she went into the bedroom and returned with her hat on.

"Not that hat, dear!" he protested. "I think I told you that I do not like it. Please go put on the blue one."

Norah went meekly and changed her hat, not knowing whether she most wished to laugh or to cry.

Passing through the office, Landis paused at the desk. "Have a maid pack our things," he ordered. "Our trunks will be taken to Navarre Chambers this evening."

So he had made the final decision irrespective of her approval! She felt caged and helpless for the first time in her life.

Norah was forced to admit that the apartment was furnished discriminatingly. But where were the broad spaces which she loved? And did they call that grate a fireplace?

"You like it, darling? I knew you would. There is the desk where I shall write my novel."

"What will become of me while you write?" Norah reasonably asked.

"You will sit by the window or the fire, sweet, a book or bit of sewing in your hands. You won't disturb me. And there will be the housework. I must telephone your agent that we sha'n't be wanting the white elephant you looked at this morning."

But Norah was not smiling at his picture of her by the fire. She was not even listening. Her mind had stuck fast at the word housework.

"I'm no housekeeper, Dick," she told him. "You will learn, sweetheart. Of course we'll have a woman in for the heavy work and for a few days we can take our dinners at the restaurant below, though their prices are outrageous. You haven't married a rich man, Norah, but you will find me uncritical. I care only for simple things."

They moved to Navarre Chambers that night, Norah unspokeably depressed. The next morning after her husband had left she wandered about, altering the arrangement of bric-a-brac or a picture. Invariably she replaced them, for Mrs. Vaughan's taste was unerring. There was no outlet here for self-expression.

Finally it occurred to her to light a fire in the

grate and when Landis came in he found her in front of it, a book in her hand.

"Dearest!" he said, advancing, his eyes tender. "This is what I have dreamed of—to come home and find the woman I love like this."

He sat on the arm of her chair and drew her against him and they sat in happy silence.

"Lunch?" he suggested presently.

Norah sprang to her feet. "Now see what you've done and married, Dick! I haven't thought of luncheon."

His face clouded slightly. "We'll get it together—this time," he said. "I ordered some things; were they sent, Norah?"

"I believe so," she answered, and led the way to the kitchen.

They lunched in front of the fire and sat talking till Landis's conscience rebuked him. "I must write now, honey," he said. "Will you be as quiet as possible at your work?"

She cleared away and washed the dishes in happy silence. Then, dragging down a cook book from the shelf, she puzzled over it till her husband's work was done. They went for a walk over the crimsoning hills, coming back to dine in the restaurant and to an evening in front of the fire, Landis smoking while Norah read aloud. Life to Norah looked good; nothing in her studio experience approximated this happiness. She slept that night with a smile on her lips.

But the next morning eggs, toast, coffee—all went wrong.

"It is the limit!" she cried in mock despair. Her smile was not reflected on her husband's face. "I told you how to do them," he said. "Of course, Norah, one has to use one's brains at cooking."

"I am so stupid," she admitted contritely. The next morning and the next, things were no better. "My dear!" Landis said in controlled exasperation as he opened a hard-boiled egg: "can't you watch the clock?"

Because she could not endure that fleeting look of anger in her husband's face, Norah learned to cook. But the lesson was at the expense of flesh and spirit. She grew thinner—and quieter. Landis, observing it, only thought that she was taking her new responsibility with becoming seriousness, and approved.

Letters came from art editors, offering her a

Landis retreated, hurt.

Bathed and her hair dressed, Norah the closet, looked at the black frock, civilly returned to the bed and put on a chignon. When Landis saw her his lips quivered but he made no comment.

The dinner was perfect, and Landis, at first, relaxed into serenity. The gas charming, with Mrs. Brett gayly informal. She leaned to Norah. May I be permitted to ask?

"Please."

"That frock is amazingly becoming, but an artist would know that you rose."

Norah knew that Landis was listening imp of audacity compelled her to say, "You like it. It is my husband's favorite. They found mutual friends. 'So? Julie Fitch! Why, Mrs. Landis, you call you 'Norah'. You aren't Norah L. Illustrator, by any chance?"

"Yes."

Mrs. Brett looked bewildered. "But you do your work?" she asked. "I have given it up," Norah explained. "Oh, wicked! Doctor Landis, you permit Landis crumbled a bit of bread before 'I suppose I am old fashioned, Mrs. R. it seems to me that a wife's interest center in her home.'"

"And she is not capable of two interesting men are?"

"I think not."

"Well, sighed Mrs. Brett: 'It's lucky that you are not tied to me. I am a shot.'"

Landis's laugh was constrained. "Don't mind her, Landis," advised De. "That woman has a passion for sterner monial craft."

"Monster!" retorted Mrs. Brett with of affectionate understanding which the married keep for each other. And they other things.

After the guests were gone Norah was kitchen to face the task of washing the for the maid who had come up from the rant to serve the dinner had spurned the

"I will write till you are finished," called to her.

It was midnight before the last place and she was unutterably weary. "Earning the money to pay for all this would be so easy!" she sighed. "And so able. I should think God would deny talents." She crept into bed without her hair.

"Asleep, Norah?"

"Nearly."

"The dinner went off very well," he quite forgiven her the dress episode. Norah turned her face to the wall and playing.

All that winter Norah honestly tried to yearnings and completely to merge her her husband's. She was very popular social duties coupled with the unad ones of her small household kept occupied.

Landis failed to mark the signs sion about her and when he came late afternoon to find her ready to his tea, he was satisfied that he right in divorcing her from her

She took pride in concealing her gnawing regrets, but it took her for her to respond to his moods of ness.

A day came in late spring when preparing breakfast, fainted. Lan oughly alarmed, got her back to called the doctor.

"Nerve exhaustion," the latter. "Your wife has a high-gearered car. But since her marriage her life so even and sane," he said.

"A sane life, professor," ret doctor, "is one which follows in and spiritual inclinations."

Landis frowned and when the left, wired for Harriet.

Her presence was a tonic to her her capable management of the the was a relief to Landis who fretted organization.

After two days Harriet asked to take her for a walk. "You've done it," she began once they had started.

"Meaning what, Harriet?" asked stiffening under her tone. "You've slowed a racer down to trot of a dray-horse."

"Norah will tell you that she happy."

"Of course, Norah is game, whimpered and you inferred that hurt. Norah isn't the whimpering. You are my brother and I love I am not blind to your selfishness have distorted a beautiful spirit mid-Victorian desires. I hope your satisfied."

"Not!" Landis broke in hotly. "I'll wager you've heckled the child coffee, her clothes and her conversation you, my friend."

Landis was stunned. "I mean to carry her away with me artist who has a cottage at Twilight loaned it to me for the season. It is place for Norah."

"She won't go."

"We'll see about that."

They left the next day. At parting still dazed, bent to kiss Norah, but she head so that his lips merely brushed

At Twilight Park the two were pr alone for it was too early for the ca have arrived. There was a studio in but on Norah's visit to it she looked at indifferent eyes. She did not enter it

Day after day she lay in a steamer ch and inscrutable, and Harriet, watching half regretted meddling with her dest after the cottages filled, Norah refus drawn into gayety.

In Gray, Landis, also, was silent and He sat for hours at his desk, but he write and his mental impotence flayed to a frenzy. He wanted to go to Norah, never called him. He took on some the summer school as much to relieve the of the days as to earn more money for Norah.

June passed, and July. In early Aug bore down upon Harriet at her desk. "Dick is ill," she cried. "I have a from Doctor Rand."

Harriet wheeled in her chair, her face "While I have been up here sulking been over working down there. I feel and cheap."

Harriet rose and gently pushed her in "That is the trouble with us women," "we permit an emotion to override our"

"And how can you be certain that I better than per mitting our reason to over emotions, Hal? Marriage is like no other ship. Dick wanted a woman, not an his wife. I suspected it, but I was too to face the issue before I married him. to circumstances, cajolery, even, to get

"And that is another trouble with stoop to cajolery instead of standing squ our independence."

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**She Turned Her Head so That His Lips Merely Brushed Her Checks.**

story or a book to illustrate. At first she handed them on to her husband, but he always tossed them aside impatiently.

"Tell the idiots that your husband can take care of you," he would say.

One day in winter he returned jubilant and at his call, Norah emerged from the kitchen, her hands soiled from scrubbing potatoes.

"Norah, Dean Brett of Hale is coming to the inn with his wife for a few days. He tells me so in a letter congratulating me on one of my recent articles. We must have them to dinner, dear."

"Why, of course Dick! We'll dine down stairs."

"Merciful heavens, no! That isn't my idea of hospitality—or my mother's. Can't you manage it, Norah?"

"I'll try, Dick." But when he tried to take her in his arms, she eluded him and returned to the kitchen.

On the afternoon of the dinner Landis came in late and went to the dining-room where the table was already laid.

"I want things, right," he informed Norah, eyeing the table critically. "You called, Norah?"

"I left cards."

"Right. I shouldn't have arranged the flowers in that bowl," he said, frowning.

"It is the best possible arrangement, considering the size of the table," she returned unsmilingly.

He glanced at her, changed the angle of a dish of *hors d'oeuvre*, and followed her to the kitchen. "What are we having for dinner?" he asked anxiously.

"Please don't worry." The kitchen door definitely closed between them. "I have used my brains," she called through the barrier.

He wandered into the bedroom where Norah's dress lay on the bed.

"Norah," he cried, going firmly to the kitchen. "I thought you knew that I do not like that dress. Wear your black one, please."

She faced him, her cheeks scarlet from basting the chickens. "Richard," she said, "will you give me credit for a grain of sense? That dress suits me—otherwise, you may be sure that I shouldn't wear it. Now, if you will be so good. . . . This kitchen is small. . . ."



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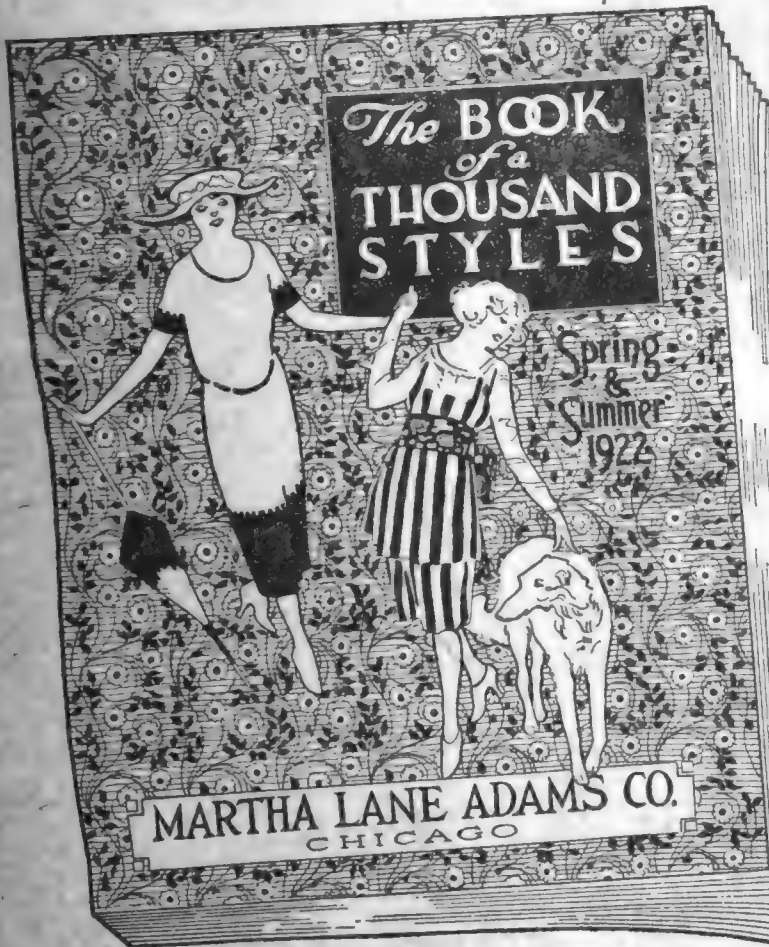
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### Stella Rosevelt

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should have given me only sympathy and love; but she—the girl whom you have come to win for your wife—stole it from me, my one little treasure, the only ornament I had which I could wear in my humble position, and which I prized more than anything else in the world. But let her keep it, I relinquish it freely, now that I have discovered the baseness of the giver. My Lord Carrol, of Carrolton, alias Archibald Sherbrooke, the artist, I despise you, and I bid you farewell!"

She was gone before he could hardly realize that she had ceased speaking; she had sped down the avenue with the lightness and swiftness of a fawn, leaving him dazed, bewildered, almost paralyzed from the wild words, the terrible denunciations which she had uttered.

#### CHAPTER XVIII.

##### EXPLANATIONS.

"Star! Star! my dear love, come back and let me undeceive you," he called aloud, as soon as he could recover his senses sufficiently to speak. But there was no answering sound, save the sad sighing of the rustling leaves which had so unnerved the unhappy girl a few minutes before.

He followed the direction she had taken. He wandered about the grounds for full half an hour, but could discover no trace of her; and at last, feeling greatly disturbed, he was obliged to retrace his steps, and returned to the mansion.

He had strolled forth at the close of dinner to smoke, and to get away for a little quiet musing, for he had intended, as he said, to seek out his beautiful love on the morrow, and put upon one of her white fingers the seal of their plighted troth, and, this done, to tell her that he was both an artist and a peer of Victoria's realm.

"Poor child! It is very awkward, and I never dreamed of any such denouement; but I cannot blame her. If she would have given me one moment in which to tell her how it is; but she was wild with pain," he said, with a troubled face, as he slowly went back to the house.

"I must get out of this muddle as soon as possible," he said, as he ascended the steps and paused a moment on the porch to consider what he ought to do.

Entering the house, he avoided the drawing-room, where a gay company was assembled, and passed on to a music-room which led into the library.

Mr. Richards was in the latter room, seated at his desk, and the door between the two was open. As he saw his lordship, he arose and came forward to meet him.

"Can I have a few moments' conversation with you?" the young man asked, gravely.

"Certainly; as many as you wish. Shall we retire to the privacy of the library?" returned Mr. Richards, who at once jumped to the conclusion that he was about to receive a formal proposal for the hand of his daughter.

So also thought another listener, who happened to be standing on the veranda just outside the open window of the music-room, and who had caught the above sentences.

"No," Lord Carrol returned. "What I have to say can just as well be said here as anywhere. I find myself unexpectedly in a very unpleasant situation, and I have come at once to you, because I consider a straightforward course always the wisest to pursue. I wish to tell you a little story, and then ask your assistance in correcting an awkward mistake."

"Anything that I can do for you, my lord, I shall be most happy to do," blandly affirmed Mr. Richards, little realizing what he was promising, while he followed the young man's example and sat down to listen to his narrative.

"I came over from England, nearly a year ago, on the steamer —," he began, "and on board that vessel I met a young girl of great personal beauty and intelligence, in whom I became intensely interested. She could not have been more than sixteen years of age, but her mind was far in advance of both her appearance and her years, while it was evident that she had been reared with great care, for every word and act betrayed her to be a perfect little lady, and every day spent in her society only served to make her more attractive in my sight. At parting, I gave her a trifle as a souvenir of our pleasant acquaintance, and asked in return for something to

keep in memory of her. I did not know that I should ever meet her again, and had I not done so, the remembrance of what I had enjoyed in her society would eventually have become, it is probable, but a pleasant episode of the past, although I must confess that her face haunted me continually.

"But I did meet her again, and only a very short time ago. She had changed—developed into even greater beauty, and had become more mature, and I began to realize at once that I had even a deeper interest in her than I had imagined possible. Subsequent interviews—for I took pains to see her often—and the study of her character, convinced me that I had found the woman whom I could love with all my heart, and whom I should win for my wife if I could."

A rustling of the drapery at the open window just then made the young lord pause; but hearing nothing more, he thought the wind had simply stirred the curtains, and continued:

"Within a very few days I have brought things to a crisis—have, in fact, asked and secured a promise from her to become my wife as soon as she shall have completed her education, and I had intended tomorrow to seek an interview with her friends and make formal proposals for her hand."

"This may sound rather strange to you, knowing my position, and realizing something of the prejudice of the English against marrying outside the pale of their own rank. But I was convinced from the first that this young girl was of good blood and parentage, and upon a more intimate acquaintance with her, I have learned that her mother was an English lady from an excellent family."

"Now, what I have to tell you," Lord Carrol continued, with a smile, "has a slight touch of romance connected with it. When I left England I came away known as Sir Archibald Sherbrooke, baronet. Two months after my arrival here, I was notified of the death of my mother's only brother—Lord Carrol, of Carrolton—and who, being a widower and childless, willed his estates and all that he possessed to me, with the provision that I was to assume his name, and consequently his title."

"It would have suited me better to travel and remain plain Archibald Sherbrooke, as I always called myself, until my return; but I was with a company of friends—all artists, who were traveling and studying with an old painter—who knew all the circumstances, and they would not hear a word to my remaining incognito, and insisted upon introducing me everywhere by my newly-acquired title."

"As plain Archibald Sherbrooke, I met, wooed and won the young lady of whom I have told you, but I intended, when I formally asked for her hand, to reveal the circumstances which have made me Lord Carrol. I have not for a moment thought of deceiving her, for I abhor double-dealing of any kind; but, notwithstanding, I find myself in a very awkward situation."

"You will, perhaps, be surprised to learn that tonight, since going out after dinner, I met my betrothed by accident, and very much to my astonishment. She had discovered that I had been sailing 'under two flags,' or, as she supposed, under false colors. She had heard of my meeting your daughter at Long Branch as Lord Carrol, and the report seems to have preceded me, much to my surprise—here the young man colored from embarrassment—"that I intended something more than a friendly visit here, and she has passionately denounced me for my duplicity—as it appears to her—and refused even to allow me to explain my position."

"This is the mistake that I wish you to help me rectify by securing an interview for me with her, so that I can exonerate myself from all blame in her sight."

Mr. Richards was greatly astonished at what he had heard, and in no small degree disappointed, for he liked the young man, and his wife had affirmed that Josephine was the magnet that had drawn his lordship thither, and she had also confidently asserted that he would propose for her hand before he left.

But, of course, he could not betray anything of this feeling, after having been made the confidant of another love affair; therefore he said, with as much self-possession as he could command:

"The situation is somewhat unpleasant for you, I admit, my young friend, but I think it may be easily made right. I must confess I am much surprised by what you have told me; the story is certainly romantic in every respect. And you set the young lady by accident tonight? She is, then, a resident of New York? Who may she be? Perhaps she is no one whom I know."

"She is Miss Gladstone, and your wife's ward, I believe," Lord Carrol replied, and bending a grave look upon his host.

Mr. Richards nearly bounded from the piano-stool upon which he had been sitting at this startling intelligence, while outside that open window there was a sound as of some one weakly sinking into a chair. But both gentlemen were so deeply engaged in the subject under consideration that they did not appear to hear it.

"Star!" ejaculated Mr. Richards, when he could recover his breath.

"Yes, sir; Miss Star Gladstone is the lady of whom I have told you," Lord Carrol replied, somewhat coldly, for he could not understand why any one so lovely and accomplished in every way as Star was should have been so slighted and ill-treated in his family.

"But I do not understand—I cannot see—I beg pardon; but, to tell the truth, I am completely taken aback by what you have told me," Mr. Richards stammered, for it was to him a most astounding revelation.

"I expected that my communication would surprise you; but you cannot be more so than I was upon learning tonight that Miss Gladstone is a member of your family," returned his lordship.

"But you tell me that you were intending to call upon her friends tomorrow, and here you have been in the same house a day and a night already."

"True; but I was not aware of the fact until within the last hour. You will remember that I am an entire stranger in this place, and that I do not even know the name of the street upon which you reside, as Mrs. Richards was kind enough to say that some one should meet me at the station upon my arrival. I wished very much to go to Star today, but courtesy demanded that I should not disarrange Mrs. Richards' plans. I fully intended, however, to ask you to direct me to her tomorrow, never once suspecting that I was already in the house where the lady of my choice resides."

"And has Star never mentioned our name to you?" Mr. Richards asked.

"No; she has been very reticent regarding everything connected with herself save her studies and her music, and I have not thought to question her on that point."

Mr. Richards' face clouded.

"You say you met her tonight?" he said.

"Yes; I went out for a stroll and a smoke after dinner, and came upon her suddenly in the grounds. She appeared to be greatly distressed, and I, never suspecting the cause, pressed her to tell me. She turned upon me like an outraged queen, and denounced me in a manner that fairly took my breath away. She believed me to be simply Archibald Sherbrooke, an artist, until last night, when she saw me driven to your door and received as Lord Carrol; and, having heard exaggerated reports of my attentions to Miss Richards while at Long Branch, it is not strange that she should resent the seeming deception, for appearances are certainly against me. But a few words will set everything right, if you will explain something of this to her and secure an interview for me."

"Then it is our Star whom you want to marry, my lord?" Mr. Richards said, reflectively.

"Yes, hoping for your sanction, at once," Lord Carrol answered, with a rising flush, for he could read something of what was passing in his host's mind. "But, pardon me," he added, "a look of grave questioning upon his face, 'now that I find she is the ward of your wife, I cannot understand why I have not met her with the other members of your family.'"

"Ahem! Well," began Mr. Richards, with evident embarrassment, "she has been very deeply engaged with her studies ever since she came to us—is ambitious, you know, and also spends a great deal of her time practicing music, and my wife thought it would be best for her not to mingle in company much until she had—she—completed her education;" and Mrs. Richards, sitting just outside that open window, where she had heard every word of the above conversation, thanked the fates that for once her husband had smoothed awkward things over for her quite comfortably.

Lord Carrol simply bowed in reply to this statement. It would not become him to question the truthfulness of what he had heard, but since his interview with Star, his opinion of the family had changed very materially.

"Well, I am nonplussed, and I reckon that this state of affairs will create quite a commotion when it becomes known," Mr. Richards resumed, after a few minutes of thought, during which his surprise seemed to increase. "I never dreamed that our Star would ever step into such a chair of state, although she is of good blood, I believe."

"Of the best," Lord Carrol returned, decidedly. "She told me upon one occasion that her mother was a Miss Anna Chudleigh, of Chudleigh Manor, Devonshire. I know something of them, and they were a fine family, although I have been told that they were very much displeased at the marriage of their only daughter with a clergyman of limited means. But—have I your sanction to prosecute my suit with Miss Gladstone, and will you arrange an interview for me?"

"Certainly; I shall do what you wish, and I must say that I am glad that things are turning out so well for Star. I have been very fond of her, for she is a bright and winsome little body about the house. She is talented, too, to say nothing of her beauty, and she will make you a good wife. I congratulate you both, and there is my hand on it, my lord," Mr. Richards concluded, heartily, and extending his hand to the young peer, which he took and cordially shook.

But Mrs. Richards, her heart filled with her latest rage, felt as if she could have strangled her husband with a good rellish for taking such an interest in Star's prospects, while the gorgeous air castle which his own daughter had built was tumbling to the ground about his ears.

Mr. Richards then arose.

"I suppose you are anxious to see Star at once?" he said.

"Yes, if you please. I desire to make my peace with her as soon as possible, for I know that she is deeply wounded, and I cannot rest until she knows the truth."

"Very well; I will go to her, and send her to the library. You will be free from intrusion there," Mr. Richards said, and immediately left the room in search of Star.

He came back very soon, however, saying that she had not returned to her room, and no one had seen her that day save Mrs. blunt, who told him that she had been very ill, and not able to attend school.

Lord Carrol's face fell at this information, and he realized more forcibly than ever what Star must have suffered from this unfortunate misunderstanding.

"Perhaps it will be best for me to wait until tomorrow morning," he said, after a moment of thought. "She appeared so greatly excited when I met her this evening, and has been so ill all day, it may be well for her to get rest before exciting her any further. Yes, I will wait," he concluded, with a sigh, for he was deeply disappointed and anxious.

"Is Mr. Roosevelt a member of your family also?" he asked, after a moment, and suddenly remembering that Star had told him they were inmates of the same house.

"Yes; well, not exactly a member of my family," Mr. Richards returned, flushing over this, another awkward question. "He is my wife's uncle, and one of us; but his health is so poor, and noise affects him so unpleasantly, that he prefers to have a room at the lodge rather than here where there is so much gaiety and confusion."

Mrs. Richards, still an eavesdropper, beamed at other comfortable still over this rough placed made smooth.

"You must have met Mr. Roosevelt also," he added, as it came to him that Star and his wife's uncle had shared that dreadful experience at sea.

"Yes; and I think him a fine old gentleman. I must see him also tomorrow," his lordship returned; and then he went on to explain more fully how he had made the acquaintance of these two unfortunates, and described their sufferings and hardships so graphically that his listener, who did not know one-half, was deeply moved.

"Miss Gladstone was considered quite a hero on board our steamer after her rescue," the young man said, "when the passengers learned with how much fortitude she had conducted herself during the disaster and the dreadful events following. The captain told me, with tears running down his cheeks, how she had denied herself both food and drink in order that the life of Mr. Roosevelt, who she declared, had less vitality than herself on account of his age, might be sustained. She did not even take the rest which she needed, but watched and worked over him unceasingly—fact, she saved his life."

"She is a noble girl—she is a splendid girl," Mr. Richards returned, tears in his own eyes, and his heart full of remorse over the life Star had led since she came into his house. "God bless you both!"

Lord Carrol saw that he was sincere, and began to suspect where all the trouble lay regarding Star. He was inclined to think, and rightly, that jealousy, or ill-will on the part of the petted Josephine and her proud mother was the cause of her unpleasant position in the family; but he inwardly resolved that it should be entirely different in the future, or she should not remain there.

But he had been absent a long time from the gay company in the drawing-room, and, feeling assured that he could not see his darling that night, he returned to it, trying to wait with patience for what the morrow would bring him.

#### CHAPTER XIX.

##### MALICIOUS FALSEHOODS.

As soon as Mr. Richards and his distinguished guest left the music-room, a white hand parted the curtains from the window, and a blanched, distorted face appeared in the aperture.

The emotions of Mrs. Richards can better be imagined than described when she heard the story which the young man told her husband, and learned that Star, the despised and neglected ward, had secured the prize which she had so coveted for her brilliant daughter.

A perfect tornado of wrath, jealousy and hate raged within her heart as she heard his praise of her, and his manly confession of love for her, with the intention of making her his wife.

Star, the beggar maid, as she had always regarded her, the burden reproach of her life, the wife of a peer of England!

It could not be; she would not have it so, when she had plotted and schemed to win this proud, handsome young aristocrat for her daughter; when she had spent hundreds to snare him; and

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Household Number, we present views of a kitchen interior where the necessary equipment of the least expenditure of energy on the part of the worker.

The purpose of this article is not to discuss the small, compactly equipped city kitchen in which artificial light is necessary all the day long, but rather to consider the possibilities of the farmhouse kitchen where, through its windows, the sunshine may enter and glimpses of sky, trees and flowers rest tired eyes and nerves. Little is carried on in the city kitchen except the preparation of food, while the farm kitchen is an institution that reveals through its various uses and activities how closely related are the work of the farm and that of the home.

## UNIQUE NEEDS OF FARM KITCHEN

## FARMER'S WIFE HIS BEST HELPER

The woman on the farm must find her source of encouragement and inspiration in her immediate surroundings, and a great deal is expected of her. Putting self aside, she does not measure her services to her family in dollars and cents, nor count the hours of labor between early rising and the time of retiring. With the idea that the out-of-door work is of first importance, the husband often calls upon the good wife to cooperate in poultry raising, in the dairy, garden and field, for in her he finds a business adviser and an efficient, economical worker, and his good fortune inspires him to broader activities. And thus the work goes on, while mortgages are paid off and the farm grows in buildings, modern machinery and acreage, the wife realizing that only by their combined efforts can an education for their children, and a provision for old age be attained.

Now let us take note to see if the husband and wife are in fact working partners. Is hers a life of drudgery in which she has early grown old and worn trying to get along with inconveniences and antiquated equipment in the home, until the standard of the farm machinery was raised to a profit making basis? Or, is the farmer a far-sighted man who sees in his wife his greatest asset, and realizes that improvements in the home, like those on the farm, are an everyday need, and not something to be acquired at a later period in life? The farmer who comprehends how vital is the household management to the farm knows that he cannot look with indifference upon the equipment of the home and expect the highest results from his farm investment.

## GIVE HER SUITABLE KITCHEN EQUIPMENT

## MAKE THE KITCHEN FIT FAMILY NEEDS

and woodshed, as the kitchen work is so closely associated with these elements. If there is a food pantry it should be located between the kitchen and dining-room, as this means an immeasurable saving of steps. Too frequently it is located on the shed side of the kitchen, away from dishes and dining-table. This room should be longer than wide, so that only a few steps will be taken in passing across it and, if possible, a window at one end. The location of the cellarway is also of equal importance if used as a place in which to store food and food supplies.

The kitchen should be so located as to get the morning and forenoon sun, and where the view from the windows is pleasant and restful. Many a case of "nerves" has been cured by changing the scene from that which was drab and vexing into the sunshine and open. A depressing location is always felt, but far too seldom recognized. In order to obtain light from two directions and "cross-ventilation," the kitchen must be located either in a corner of the house or in a narrow part where there can be windows on opposite sides. Last, but not by no means of least importance, is to see that the kitchen be so located with reference to the barn and other outbuildings that the prevailing winds will not bring unpleasant odors and flies from them.

## KITCHEN SHOULD BE LIGHT AND AIRY

## DOORS MINUS SILLS SWING BOTH WAYS

holds under inside doors when possible. This seems like a very small matter, but the saving of energy caused by not stepping over thresholds can only be appreciated after discarding one over which one steps many times a day doing routine work. New doors are fitted just to clear the floor, while old doors would require to be lengthened by nailing on strips.

A shed for the storage of fuel should be located just outside of the kitchen and on the same level. By referring to the cover illustration, a small door, located between the stove and shed door will be observed. Here an opening has been cut through the kitchen wall, and on the shed side a huge stationary wood-box has been constructed, with the result that instead of a wood supply being stored in the kitchen, it is taken as used from the outside box to stove through the small door. Thus an endless amount of "brushing up" is eliminated and the space around the stove is clear for other purposes.

## HANDY WOOD-BOX ARRANGEMENT

## TABLES AND OTHER WORKING SURFACES

arise from not having sufficient working surfaces. The old-fashioned idea that a general-purpose kitchen table was a "convenience" much to be desired, has been banished. On cooking days, bread-board, utensils and materials were brought from different quarters and piled on a table, and there remained, often in a state of necessary confusion until the last cookie was out of the oven. In the meantime the table, being the only working surface, was needed for other purposes, and, not being available, a late dinner or other upset might be the result, to say nothing of the nervous strain on the part of the worker. Whatever changes you may make in your kitchen, there is no improvement that brings the same amount of satisfaction as ample working surfaces.

The size of the room has little to do with the arrangement, as the modern, workable kitchen has everything built against the wall, leaving the center free for a dining-table and chairs which may be pushed back when not in use. While on the subject of table, I will call attention to the kitchen wagon, pictured on the cover page, and recommend its use as the greatest step-saver any kitchen can possess. It can be loaded with dishes and food and pushed to the dining-table, thus saving several trips. In turn, it carries the food to its storage place, and the soiled dishes to the sink, where it can be turned nearby ready to receive them when again they are to be put away. The kitchen wagon provides a working surface near the stove, a long-felt want with most housewives. Here hot platters and vegetable dishes can be put, ready for the "dishing up" and seasoning. In frying cakes, bacon and eggs, doughnuts, or cooking other foods that must be transferred as soon as done, the wagon saves the worker from using the top of the stove which may already be covered with pans and kettles, and, besides, the food is ready to be pushed to the table without rehandling.

## WORK CENTERS BANISH CONFUSION

## KITCHEN WAGON VERY USEFUL

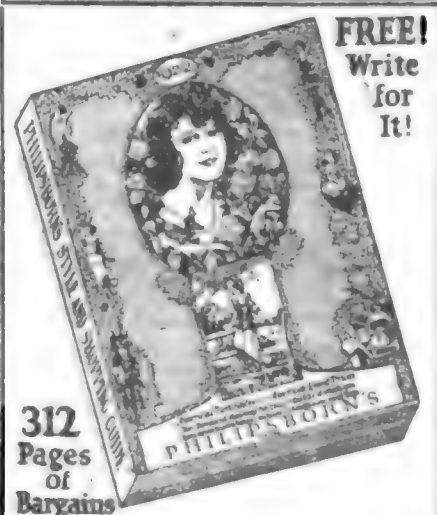
are the two front wheels necessary if four large-size castors are used. These should be of good quality as a protection to the floors. In the drawer are kept spoons, pancake turners, forks, holders, etc., that are used in taking up food.

"A place for everything and everything in its place" is the motto of every housewife who would have a well-ordered kitchen, but without the place to put the particular thing into, the motto cannot be adhered to. It takes but a glance at our kitchen interior to satisfy our most fastidious readers that kitchen work may be classified, and accomplished without confusion, if due consideration is given to the

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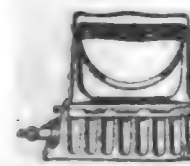
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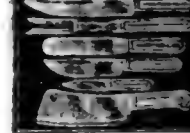
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Or how would you like it, if as you sat in a street car with him he should take out a small mirror and looking earnestly in it brush out his eyebrows, cleanse the corners of his eyes, or perform other small acts of the toilet?

Well, then—for of course I know what your answer would be—I trust you are consistent and do none of these things yourself. Really, the place for one's toilet is in one's own bedroom. If one needs a little freshening up when one is away, then one should wait until a convenient and appropriate place offers itself—the ladies' parlor of a hotel one may be visiting, or the bedroom of a friend if one is spending the day or evening there. The modern vanity case is much abused. Its



BE SURE YOUR TOILET IS COMPLETED BEFORE YOU LEAVE YOUR ROOM.

function is, and should be, merely to transport our own individual powder, cream—rouge, if need be—to wherever we may be going. It is like a traveling case. None of us thinks of stopping in the middle of the street, opening a traveling bag and beginning to brush our hair or change our clothes. Yet, through some unexplainable process, the girls of America to a very large number, have acquired a belief that a vanity case is perfectly proper to open and use wherever they may be.

The other day, on one of the most fashionable residence streets of a big city, I saw a pretty young bride who had just come to live in one of its blocks, going out to dinner with her new husband. They were bound for the big and luxurious hotel around the corner, and as she went down the street hatless and most lovely to behold, she had her vanity case open and, holding it up in front of her so the mirror was on a level with her eyes, she was using her powder puff seriously and with the utmost care.

And not so long ago I rode twenty minutes on a suburban train with a very gayly dressed lady who was no longer young who spent the whole twenty minutes with her vanity case open in front of her while she used cold cream, rouged, powdered, applied an eyebrow pencil, a lipstick, and brought into action every possible art of the toilet. It was the rush hour and the train was filled with men returning to their homes from their offices in the city. But she labored on, serene and undisturbed.

Whatever you do, girls, don't emulate these two examples. Perform your toilet in your own "boudoir." Take a vanity case with you when you go out, but only as an aid in case you have an opportunity and a need to repair damages to your freshness and cleanliness. There are occasions when a public toilet may be excusable—such as a picnic on an all-day trip; or a motoring excursion where one wants to freshen up before entering a town or calling on acquaintances. But when you must, be sure to apologize. Say: "Will you pardon me if I try to get off a little of this dust before we stop at the Jeffersons?" Or, "Come on, girls, let's excuse ourselves long enough to freshen up a little!"

The girl who carries a vanity case always on her wrist is in danger of being put down as a vain, empty-headed young thing—at least that is the opinion of one very good friend of yours—the one who talks to you every month and who says now to her Pretty Girls—"Do not beautify in public! Make your toilets in your own rooms!"

## Answers to Questions

**KENWIE.**—Most certainly, my dear, a natural complexion is much more to be desired than an artificial one. I am glad you do not rouge, powder, or do anything else to your very pretty skin. Aids of this kind are really for the skins which have been misused and so now need artificial repairing. Perhaps the exception is the use of cold cream at night or a little powder to ward off sunburn, but just so long as you can get along without any such aids, you do so, my dear, and thank your lucky stars. I compliment your good sense. As to your weight, you do not weigh too much. It is quite probable that your flesh will spread itself around in a little different proportion shortly, and then you will not feel fat at all. It would not do you harm, however, to lose about six pounds until you are older. So, suppose you begin to cut down somewhat on the sweet things you eat? Candy, for instance, and preserves, and sugar, and cake—just the things that girls of your age are apt to like and eat too much of. And if you will also be careful not to eat between meals it will help. You need exercise, too, I feel sure. Outdoor exercise, I mean. Long walks, brisk ones at that; tennis, golf, swimming, rowing, any or all of these, whichever is possible where you live. And for indoors, I suggest arm exercise, deep breathing, and the exercise of bending from the waist to touch the floor with the finger-tips, while keeping the knees stiff. You should hold the arms out in front of you with elbows straight, and palms turned down, then throw the hands down vigorously as you bend at the waist. Keep on trying daily for five to ten minutes at

a time, until you can touch the floor easily with the finger-tips; then, keep on some more, just to see that your body is limbered up daily as it should be. You sound like a very pretty girl, and I am most glad that you are making up your mind to go on to high school. Get every bit of school you can; it will be worth more to you in later life than all the money that anybody could give you. And it will mean more and more pleasure for you in life, as well. The more we know, the more things we find to enjoy. You will not be at all too old, so don't for a minute give up this plan. One more word about that fear of getting fat; you can't get fat if you don't eat too many fat-building foods, and coddle yourself too much. If you are active and energetic, and cut many sweets out of your menu, you cannot build fat. So just keep that in mind. The foods that build fat are more especially the sweets, then the starches—by the latter I mean potatoes, rice, white bread, macaroni, etc. At your age it is not a good plan to give up starchy foods; you need them for nourishment; but you can be moderate in your eating, and you can cut out a large portion of the sweet stuff you have been in the habit of eating. Fondness for sweets is at the bottom of most figures which exhibit more pounds than their possessors desire. Good luck to you!

**REDHEADED.**—Toilet ammonia is usually not quite so strong as the washing ammonia, being more diluted. Try the ammonia you have on the skin of the leg, and if it does not irritate it, you will be safe to use it on the face. Remember you need peroxide of hydrogen, too. One day you should dampen the hairy spot with ammonia, letting it dry on; the next day with peroxide. If the skin becomes irritated, stop the treatment and apply cold cream, then after a little resume the treatment again. I cannot tell you how long it will take, my dear, because it varies with different people, depending on the strength of the hair root. But it is not a quick treatment. If your hair is red, it should not be nearly so noticeable as if it were black. Don't exaggerate the disfigurement of a little hair on the lip. Other people do not notice it as critically as you do. One thing you want to do is to keep your facial skin well cared for. Be sure that you have a body bath daily that your pores may be kept open and free of impurities. Then give the face a thorough bath in warm soapy water at night, rinsing well afterward. Cleanliness of the facial skin—perfect cleanliness—will help the hairy condition. And let me say one thing more. Take these measures to destroy the growth of hair, but waste no thought upon the condition. The girl who thinks the least about any little defect is the prettiest. And when she stops thinking about it, on to one everybody else will also. Cultivate a lovely smile, and a friendly sympathetic disposition, and I would be willing to wager few of your friends or acquaintances will discover that you have this little hairy growth which bothers you. But I certainly hope, for your own peace of mind, that it will disappear speedily.

**MRS. G. H.**—Yes, the electric needle is the best method for ridding one's self of superfluous hair. If one is where there is a skilled operator. But you can try the French treatment, which is what I am recommending to "Redheaded" above. This is a long road to travel but it is efficacious. Have you used a depilatory on your chin or cheeks? That might bring back such a growth as you describe. Keep the face well cleaned as recommended above, and the bowels well open daily—with proper foods, not cathartics; fruits such as apples and oranges, grapefruit, figs, prunes, eat bran muffins, plenty of green vegetables. I certainly hope you will be able to destroy this growth of hair, and shall be much interested in your success. If you ever get to a town which has a good electric operator, I advise you to take at least three twenty-minute treatments. Twenty minutes is about all you can probably stand at a time, though many people take forty-five minutes without minding it. The charge is usually \$5.00 an hour, but an hour can do a great deal.

**BORRED HAIR.**—I am sorry it is against the rules of this department to answer letters by mail. You see we are all interested in every question, and in answering one person I can help many. For that reason, and some other special ones, no questions are answered by mail. I hope you may see this answer. You say in regard to your hair and its condition of dandruff. "If I comb the dandruff off, in a few days there is more if possible to take its place." Combing off dandruff is the worst thing you could do, for you scratch and irritate the scalp, and of course this means more dandruff. What you should do is to oil the scalp, now, and let the oil stay on over night. Apply it with a medicine dropper, run along first one part and then another until the whole scalp has been gone over. Pin up the head in a towel, and the next morning shampoo it. Do not use a comb on the scalp after that, but only to separate the hair and take out tangles. Neither should you use a very stiff brush or use it vigorously. Treat the scalp with consideration. Even a very strong soap may cut the skin and cause dandruff, so use a mild white household soap and shave it into boiling water, letting it dissolve, and



THE GIRL WHO BEAUTIFIES IN PUBLIC.

using the resulting liquid for shampooing. Many professional people—actresses and models—use a "mange cure" to apply to their hair to overcome dandruff conditions and falling hair. This should be put on and left all night, with the head pinned up, then the hair shampooed. It has a very offensive smell, so don't use it when you expect company. I suggest that you massage the scalp nightly; that is, press the fingers tight against the scalp and move it back and forth on the skull without lifting the fingers. This brings a supply of blood to the head to nourish the hair. The scalp should be at all times loose on the skull.

**SUNNY.**—If the brown spots are freckles, then use a stronger freckle lotion than peroxide. Here is a good formula:

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**GITTER.**—Your question is not a "beauty" question but one requiring medical experience. The doctor who told you this lump on the side of your throat was an enlarged gland should also be able to tell you what to do for it. While following his medical directions, you should be sure that you are looking after your general health. Exercise daily, both indoors and out—especially arm and breathing exercises. I wish you would promise me that you will practice at least fifteen minutes a day at deep breathing and that as you wait about you will be careful to fill your lungs with each breath. Then see that your bowels are kept open by eating proper food—especially plenty of fruit and green vegetables. Bran bread or muffins will help in this. Spinach is an excellent bowel alternative; oranges and apples better than medicine. Take plenty of good milk as a food, and do everything possible to build yourself up. You must do this, my dear, and you will, will you not?

**MILDRED.**—There are two requisites to a fair complexion—oh, more than two, but these I want to emphasize first. First, perfect body cleanliness, and next perfect bowel action. See that you take an entire body bath daily. If you have no bathtub, that need not deter you, for you can take a perfectly good bath in your room with a bowl of hot water, a wash-cloth, a piece of soap and towels. Fold a bath towel to stand in. Then scrub every inch of the body thoroughly with wet wash-cloth and hot water and soap. Use clear hot water and another cloth to go over the body for a rinse. Then rub dry and continue to rub gently until the skin begins to tingle through your veins. Where there are pimples do not rub, but just pat the skin dry. Do not squeeze out your pimples. Instead touch them with camphor alcohol, just a little. The entire body bath is essential daily. It will get rid of your blackheads in a day, and I think you will find will show away the pimples, if, besides, you are careful to see that the bowels move daily. Every night put six large prunes to soak in a tumbler of water. In the morning, eat the prunes, chewing thoroughly, and drink the juice. Drink only to ten glasses of water a day, but not at meals. Eat every mouthful of food until it is liquid before swallowing. And form a habit of attending to the bowels at a regular time twice a day, morning and evening. At first they may refuse to respond but keep right at it daily until the habit is formed. Eat all the fruit you can, especially apples. If you will do these things, you will find your pimples disappearing. Be careful not getting chilled. A girl of your age should keep her ankles always nice and warm and her feet dry. If you get your feet wet or cold, take a hot footbath and rub the entire hot body bath at once on reaching home. All these things help keep the circulation at its normal rate, so that the blood may carry off impurities. Strong circulation means impurities left in the body, so spend your hours with exercise, fresh air, lots of it—your window open at night in your bedroom, always—good food at regular hours but not between meals, proper regulation of your food, plenty of fruit and water, no hours sleep, body baths daily, and extra care given to the bowels. Then you will say good-bye to your pimples and blackheads, and "Welcome" to a good, clear, healthy complexion.

**R. R.**—See answer to "Mildred." Do not use talc powder on your face, or anything else to clog the pores. What you need at present is to clean the pores thoroughly and keep them so, that they may have a chance to heal up. Follow the directions above to the letter, and you will come out all right, and your complexion will clear up in color as well.

**BROWN EYES.**—No, at thirteen I should not use peroxide. You will merely clog your pores and not give your complexion a chance to grow beautiful. What you should do is to be careful about daily body baths, about outdoor exercise, drinking eight glasses of water daily, exercising in the open air, and eating plenty of nourishing food—drinking milk, eating nice, meaty potatoes, boiled rice, plenty of bread and butter, green fresh vegetables of all kinds, fresh fruits. Chew your food thoroughly and you will convert it into healthy blood which will make your cheeks pink and your eyes bright and your nice little figure plump. But by peroxide and cold cream alone, and do not worry about freckles. If you perspire freely, bathe daily, exercise constantly, and wear broad-brimmed hats when you are outdoors, your freckles will not amount to anything. They will probably fade away to nothing this winter if you eat all the sensible things I have suggested, and when spring comes again you can be careful about wearing big hats when you are out in the sun.

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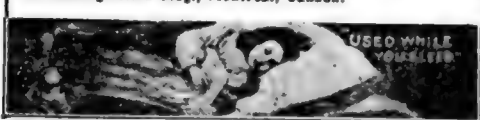
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## Indigestion of Babies

IN taking up this subject for this month's  
talk, we think we are discussing the most  
common of conditions that babies or even  
adults have to contend with. There are few  
babies, if any at all, but what have oc-  
casional attacks of indigestion, and some  
babies have it all the time.

Most of these, if not all, can be cured, and it  
is with this idea in mind that we prepare this  
talk.

By the term indigestion, we mean that condi-  
tion of stomach in which the function of diges-  
tion is disturbed or suspended, independent of inflam-  
mation, injury or other disease of that organ that  
we can discover. The principal causes of indigestion  
in nursing babies are an unhealthy condition  
of the mother's milk; the mother's health is not  
good or her diet is not regulated properly. We  
have known babies to suffer from indigestion, vomit-  
ing acid secretions on account of the mother's  
very rich diet, especially vegetables and fruits.  
We do not mean to assert that all women nursing  
babies should abstain from fruits, or even live on  
simple diet, for we have known some who could  
eat the richest food and all kinds of fruits and  
vegetables without the least injury to baby. There  
are others who cannot do so without causing in-  
digestion and colic in their babies, because proba-  
bly the children are unusually susceptible to the  
action of the materials absorbed from that kind of  
food.

Babies have been known to suffer severe attacks  
of indigestion from nursing mothers who had been  
very angry. The depressing emotions, anxiety,  
grief, fear and despair, are well known to affect  
the milk secretion in such a way as to cause in-  
digestion.

A nursing mother, taking these things into con-  
sideration, should try and keep her own digestion  
in perfect condition, though not to follow strict  
diet unless the baby has indigestion. If the baby  
vomits, has colic, it is up to the mother to dis-  
cover what she has been eating that might cause  
it and eliminate this from her diet.

A baby's bowels should move once or twice a  
day and be yellow in color. If the stools are  
green in color this indicates an acid condition and  
if this is allowed to go on you will soon see mucus  
in the stools, which indicates that there is an in-  
flammation or irritation of the membranes some-  
where in the intestinal tract.

A baby must not nurse too often or too fast  
as either condition will often cause trouble.

A baby will cry if hungry, cold or wet, and if  
neither cold nor wet the impression is often given  
that it must be hungry, and this may be the case,  
but unfortunately a baby's stomach may be dis-  
tended with gas, and, unlike an adult, it is not  
able to know that eating will increase the pain,  
so you see you cannot rely on baby's judgment  
as it cannot tell a hunger pain from a gas or colic  
pain.

You sometimes get an absence or loss of the di-  
gestive function of a baby's stomach independent  
of the nature of the food, a condition similar to  
dyspepsia in an adult. The baby may be born  
with this condition or acquire it from improper or  
excessive feeding. This may exist during the  
course of some diseases, as teething often dimin-  
ishes or impairs the tone of the digestion, so that  
the child is often unable during that process to  
digest food that agreed with it perfectly well at  
other times. The cause of indigestion after the  
first teething may be from some inherited feeble-  
ness of digestive function, or may be brought on  
by the baby becoming debilitated by frequent at-  
tacks of disease of any kind.

Indigestion may be brought on by want of due  
exercise in the open air, undue exercise of its  
mental faculties, and I mean by this last playing  
with baby too much, and showing off its brilliant  
accomplishments.

Indigestion in babies is often divided into two  
classes, occasional or accidental and habitual. By  
occasional or accidental we mean the kind that is  
transient, brought on by error in diet of its nurs-  
ing mother, some sickness or teething.

Habitual indigestion means a form that is long  
continued in consequence of the persistence of the  
cause.

The symptoms of the occasional indigestion in a  
baby are paleness, contraction of face, restlessness,  
peevishness, moaning and crying, or, in bad  
cases, screaming. The baby may have diarrhea,  
nausea and vomiting, in fact may vomit freely and  
accomplish a cure.

Habitual indigestion not only causes a train of  
symptoms, which are different in some respects  
but much more severe, frequent attacks of nausea  
and vomiting, repeated for days, weeks and even  
months. They have continued restlessness, crying,  
fussing especially during the evening and at night,  
colic attacks, baby screams out with pain, has lan-  
guid expression. Baby has a contracted look, and  
in fact this does prevent natural growth in stature  
and size, so baby is puny and small for its age.  
Its hands and feet are usually cold, and it takes  
cold easily, due to the condition of its circulation.

Subject for next month, Indigestion of Babies—  
continued.

## Questions and Answers

INTESTINAL CATARRH.—I have a twenty-months-old  
baby who has had bowel trouble for six months, bowels  
moving several times a day and containing a lot of mu-  
cus. He is cutting stomach teeth, and do you think  
this might cause the trouble? Can it be that he has  
swallowed a pin? Will appreciate any suggestions you  
may make in regard to diet or medicine, as so far we  
have treated him without relief.

Mrs. O. P. Tyler, Texas.  
A.—Without much doubt, your baby has intestinal  
catarrh, probably caused by teething, and without pos-  
itive evidence, like seeing him swallow pin, or X-ray pic-  
ture, I should eliminate the pin theory. Have gums ex-  
amined and lanced if red and swollen, give teaspoonful  
doses of castor oil to get rid of any offending contents  
of bowels, put baby on strict milk diet, diluted half and

half with boiling water at first. For medicine, give  
baby three times a day a tablet crushed, or powder,  
containing blamuth substrate, three grains; pepsin  
sacch, two grains; aromatic chalk, three grains. Give  
this powder or tablet often if bowels do not im-  
prove. Lessen frequency of medicine as bowels are  
checked, and gradually with caution add more milk to  
diet, until you are giving pure milk, with the addition  
of one tablespoonful of lime-water to six-ounce feeding.

INDIGESTION.—My three-months-old baby is troubled  
with gas; will often cry out with pain. I nurse him,  
also give Mellin's food between his nursings. My diet  
is simple, potatoes, bread, butter, little meat, no tea or  
coffee. Baby weighs sixteen pounds, but does not sleep  
nights on account of gas. Mrs. A. S. Ulen, Minn.

A.—Your baby has indigestion and, while his weight  
indicates that he is well nourished, it may be that you  
are feeding him too much or too often. A baby three to  
six months old should be fed every three hours during  
day, amount of food 30 to 35 ounces. I should advise  
nursing him, no other food, make him nurse slowly,  
keep your own bowels regular so baby's bowels will move  
once or twice a day. Take two teaspoonfuls of elix.  
lactated pepsin, yourself, after meals as this will help  
baby's digestion.

TO INCREASE FLOW OF MILK.—I am writing to ask if  
there is anything I can do now to increase and continue  
the flow of milk, as I am expecting a baby in a few  
months and have not been able to nurse my other child-  
dren. Mrs. G. J. E., Stanwood, Wash.

A.—No, only as you get your own health in the best  
possible condition. If pale, anemic, take iron in some  
form. Neoferrum is a good preparation. After baby  
comes drink lots of liquids, especially milk, buttermilk,  
oyster broth. Boiled beets, without vinegar, is the best  
vegetable to eat.

CONSTIPATION, RED SPOTS.—I am nursing my baby who  
is one year old, healthy, except very badly constipated.  
What can I do for him? (b) A week ago a large red  
spot appeared on his cheeks; was red two days then be-  
came purple and was hard; did not seem to hurt him,  
and gradually disappeared. What was this and what  
can I do for it? Mrs. F. G., No. Franklin, N. Y.

A.—Should wean baby and give him in his milk tea-  
spoonful doses of milk of magnesia often enough to keep  
bowels regular. Orange juice, prune juice occasionally,  
will help. (b) Do not know what caused red spots, un-  
less baby was bitten by some insect. Should not sug-  
gest any treatment if it causes no discomfort and dis-  
appears quickly.

HEBENIA.—Is there any cure for my baby girl, sixteen  
months old, who was ruptured when she had whooping  
cough? The navel bulges out as large as a hickory nut.  
Mrs. H. B., Washington, Pa.

A.—Would suggest that you hold navel in place with  
button, held firmly by adhesive plaster applied cross-  
wise. Have the rounded or bulging side of button press-  
ing on navel, with cotton or soft linen under it. In  
young children this will produce a cure in a few months  
if properly applied.

LEUCORRHEA.—What can I do for a slight, irritating  
discharge that I have had since baby came, five months  
ago? Mrs. E. L. P., Backus, Minn.

A.—Would suggest that three or four times a week  
you take at bedtime a douche of quart of hot water  
that has been boiled and into which you have put three  
teaspoonfuls of boric acid.

MALNUTRITION.—My seventeen-months-old boy is thin  
and pale, does not eat much and sleeps with eyes partly  
open. What would you suggest for diet? Mrs. S. R. B., Richmond, Mo.

A.—Would suggest that you give your baby all the  
milk it can digest properly, oatmeal gruel, strained,  
meat juice, orange juice, also give it Maltine with cod-  
liver oil. Give baby one-half teaspoonful doses of  
Neoferrum, three times a day. If you cannot get this,  
get the following put up at your drug store:

RECIPE.—Liq. Potassii Arsenitis, one dram. Vinum  
Ferri Amarum, six ounces.

M. Sig. Give baby one-half teaspoonful doses of this  
in tablespoonful of water, three times a day.

Keep baby out in the open air all that you can, sleep-  
ing outside if possible. Without doubt, lots of babies  
are starving for fresh air when we think it is food that  
they need.

SOFT, FLAT NIPPLES; COLIC, ETC.—Tell me what will  
harden my nipples, as baby is six weeks old and they  
are still flat and sore. (b) What can I eat to increase  
the amount of milk? (c) What causes colic, and what  
can I do for it? Mrs. F. P., Saint Michaels, Pa.

A.—Draw out nipple by holding over it a glass bottle  
whose contained air has been heated, as this will draw  
out nipple as air in bottle cools. Cleanse nipple every  
day with four per cent. solution of borax and water.  
(b) Drink all the liquids you can, especially milk, but-  
termilk, cocoa, oyster broth, and eat boiled beets with-  
out vinegar. (c) Colic is caused by indigestion; baby  
eats too fast or too often, bowels constipated. In nurs-  
ing baby, if mother's digestion and bowels are normal,  
baby will not have colic. Treatment of colic: Get  
movement from bowels with glycerine suppository and  
teaspoonful dose of castor oil. Dry or moist heat over  
abdomen relieves distress.

CONSTIPATION.—My ten-months-old baby is badly  
constipated and her condition is such that castor oil and  
other medicines I have tried do not relieve her. I am  
nursing her, but feed her some from the table.

Mrs. C. M. B., Hill City, Kansas.  
A.—Would suggest weaning her and putting her on  
cow's milk, adding teaspoonful doses of milk of mag-  
nesia often enough to regulate bowels. Give her oat-  
meal gruel strained, orange juice, prune juice, and you  
will soon get bowels regulated.

RED-WATLING.—My six-year-old girl wets the bed  
every night, and I have tried about everything without  
relief. Mrs. H. C., Cawoka, Okla.

A.—Bed-wetting is an obstinate condition to treat, as  
one must find cause and remove this the first thing. Get  
child's health in the best possible condition, removing  
adenoids or diseased tonsils if suffering from these  
troubles; examine urine, if acid, dark in color give her  
the following:

RECIPE.—Potassii Citratis, ½ ounce; Spt. Aetheris  
Nitrosi, ½ ounce; Aque, six (6) ounces. Give dessert-  
spoonful in tablespoonful of water every four hours.

If urine has an ammoniac odor, give four grains of  
Urotropin three times a day. Give child dry supper,  
drinking as little liquid as possible during later part of  
day.

INDIGESTION AND CONSTIPATION.—Will you tell me  
what to do for my nursing baby who is troubled with  
indigestion and constipation? I suffer with sour stom-  
ach and constipation. Mrs. W. C., Lebanon, N. Y.

A.—Get your own digestion in normal condition and  
baby's will be normal. Take teaspoonful doses of fluid  
extract of Cascara Sagrada often enough to keep your  
bowels moving freely; avoid acid fruits and vegetables.  
Sour stomach, take two teaspoonfuls of elix. lactat-  
ed pepsin, after each meal.

## Comfort Sisters' Corner

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when we received all those letters from the sisters we  
just came near bursting. Will the sisters who wrote to  
me accept my apology for the newspaper patterns I sent  
them, and my sincere regrets that I could not answer  
all of the letters with patterns for all the animals and  
directions for making. I did not receive the letters un-  
til a short time before Christmas and you all know how  
busy mothers are at Christmas, when there is a house  
fulmer on the 19th of November and was away on her  
honeymoon. She says she has married the best of Sam  
and just can't live without him. The first day of July  
will be my wedding anniversary, tenth, and I'd appre-  
ciate a card shower at that time. Why don't the rest  
of you send in the date of yours.

In the bunch of letters I received was one from a  
little nine-year-old girl, Catherine Petty, but I could  
not make out her address so could not answer her let-  
ter. I am sorry because I know she must have been  
disappointed.

This is the way I use up stockings that are beyond  
mending. Wash thoroughly, cut off worn parts and sew  
good portions together in strips. When you have enough  
sewed to make a quilt, cover with flannel or calico. I  
knot mine with wrapping twine that I save from bundles.  
Worn-out clothes of any kind make good filling for com-  
forters.

I will tell you how I make the first outfit for my  
baby. I make the dresses about eighteen inches long  
and petticoats the same length. Any light weight, white  
good will do for dresses. Vainook is good. You can  
trim them if you like. I use Shaker flannel for petti-  
coats, making them to hang from the shoulder. Don't  
make them on a band to pin on. I think they are in-  
jurious to baby. The bands can be made from Shaker  
flannel too, just a straight piece of cloth, unhemmed,  
eight inches wide. Shirts can be made of flannel too or

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bought readymade of wool or cotton. I make blankets  
too, yard of white with a six-inch border of blue or  
pink. Dispers made of bleached or unbleached muslin  
are best. This is the number of clothes I make. For  
everyday dresses, six petticoats, one good dress and pet-  
ticoat, three shirts, three bands, two nightgowns, two  
pairs of stockings, three dozen diapers, three blankets.  
Other necessary articles. One dozen assorted safety pins,  
one bottle of vaseline, can of talcum powder, bar of  
Castile soap, small package of boric acid and some ster-  
ilized white cloth, old pieces of wornout sheets will do.  
Let me make you acquainted with my chum and me.  
My chum is Mrs. Sammie Hill, alias Jeff. And I am  
Mrs. Lillian Thompson, alias Ike. I would like to  
get the books, "Tarzan of the Apes," "Miriam the  
Avenger" and "Brandon Coyle's Wife." Please write  
before sending book as I want only one copy of each.  
If I do not answer your letter it means that I have al-  
ready gotten the book wanted.

I will come again and tell you how to make a kitchen  
cabinet.

FROM IKE, ONE OF THE STUFFING BLUE CHUMS.  
Ike.—We would have liked it if you could have  
told us about the kitchen cabinet in this letter,  
then we could have made one for our recently  
housecleaned kitchen. But we have another letter  
to look forward to, which is better. Please tell  
your chum that we wish her a life of health and  
happiness.—Ed.

MIDFIELD, TEXAS.

DEAR COMFORT SISTERS:  
I have written twice before this but my letters to  
some reason were not printed. I've just about out-  
rigger and admit I  
appears I ap-  
prize and admit I  
have been wrong in  
my opinion. Some  
of the letters are  
more than interest-  
ing; they are help-  
ful, and I grow  
that is the reason  
other letters that  
mine were printed.  
I think it a good  
idea for the sisters  
to describe them-  
selves as it gives  
the reader an idea  
of what they are  
like. Will give you  
a mental picture of  
myself. I am five  
feet, four inches  
tall, dark com-  
plexion, dark hair,  
grey eyes, turn-  
up nose and ears  
about one hundred  
and twenty-five  
pounds. Have been  
married for many  
years, one child, a  
boy, six months old.

I am sending his picture, taken when he was six  
months old.

I am glad we are to have a sisters' pin.

With love to all the COMFORT Sisters and Brothers.

LONE STAR STATE.

Lone Star State.—To be perfectly candid, your  
baby's picture is the reason this letter escapes  
the waste-basket. It would be a shame to deprive  
the readers of his wonderful eyes and smile just  
because his mother neglected to tell his name or  
a single one of the many interesting things he  
could have told about him. And he's such a dear  
too.—Ed.

NORCATT, ILL.

DEAR SISTERS:  
I have been a silent reader of COMFORT for a long  
time and would like to step in a minute for a little  
visit, if I may.

Do any of the sisters know what will make plain  
keys white? My piano has been used only five years  
and is in fine condition only the keys are getting yellow.  
How many of you know the value of white enamel  
for retouching old furniture? When we started house-  
keeping last summer there were so many of our treas-  
ures that we economized every way we could. Our bed-  
room was finished in white enamel. We bought an old dresser,  
sawed off the top then sandpapered the lower half and  
gave it two coats of white paint and one coat of enamel.  
We painted an old stand the same way and I use it  
for plants. We purchased an old light green iron bed  
from a neighbor and enameled that to match the furni-  
ture and now we have a pretty white bedroom.

I was somewhat amused when I read Mrs. Miss  
Mullins' letter in the January number, though, like her,  
I believe the fashions at the present time are somewhat  
risque. However, a girl is not necessarily immodest be-  
cause she wears short skirts, thin waists or rolls her  
hose. I do all those things myself occasionally, es-  
pecially the latter, in hot weather. I do not believe  
like her, that girls do these things to attract attention.  
It is their nature to want to look attractive and they  
pattern after society women and movie stars. Most of  
the men and boys today, at least here in sunny Kansas,  
do not think evil of girls because of the way they dress.  
It is the girl herself that counts.

I see no great harm in leaving supper dishes unwashed  
in order to spend the time with husband or children, or  
in leaving housework to accompany the husband to town  
or elsewhere. Many men do not think to ask their wives  
if they would care to go.

I am twenty-two years old, dark hair, light brown  
eyes, rosy cheeks and a dimple, and am five feet, six  
inches tall and weigh 190 pounds.

Your sister, Mrs. I. E. W.

Mrs. I. E. W.—Thanks so much for the snap-  
shot of yourself and your husband. I put it into  
my COMFORT Sisters' Album. Am always glad  
when someone sends me her picture.—Ed.

SOMEWHERE IN MICHIGAN.

DEAR FOLKS:  
Every time I read the letters in the C. S. C. the

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## Comfort Sisters' Corner

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"writing bug" gets me but I usually backslide when it comes to actually putting my thoughts on paper. So many of the sisters write such interesting letters that I dislike having the space used up by my letters.

I'm nearing twenty-three as to years. And to go on, I'm one of those worthless people—"Jack of all trades and master of none."

I do like sewing, though. Once upon a time, I couldn't hem a towel even, but now I do all my own and baby's sewing. Doesn't that remind you of the ads. you see in all the magazines? I learned to sew by mail last winter. How many of the others in this corner have learned that way? My mother is taking a course in millinery and has made about ten hats besides sewing for others. So she has nearly paid for her course with the hats she has made, although she is only about half through with it.

Tomorrow is Sunday and I am so anxious for it to come because after we get home from church, hubby and I are going in the woods. Last year I was only out once. Let me whisper why—I am feeding and caring for my boy according to schedule. "A Better Baby." Grandpa doesn't believe—rather he didn't—in bringing up babies that way so I was careful not to leave baby with mother too often because my father gave him so many things to eat. I have him converted now because baby is a good example for the "Better Babies" in this week of the woods. The only one I know of, in fact, I have been entered at but I don't care. My baby goes to bed at six every night. What a difference from the other way of rocking for hours when you want to be doing something else. I know from experience because I rocked three youngsters at home years ago. And I loved me a vow, etc. that if I ever had any of my own they would not be rocked. I like to watch my little boy find his Teddy and Kitty and run off to bed with them. After I put him in bed he pulls his pillow from under his head, hugs those three most precious of belongings, and falls asleep, unless daddy gets home early, because in that case daddy loves to rock him. We can forgive him that, he only sees his boy a few minutes morning and noon as a rule.

With love to everyone, JACKIE.

IRVING, ILL.

DEAR COMFORT SISTERS:

I have taken COMFORT over a year now and think it a good paper. I like the stories and all the departments as well as the letters in the Sisters' Corner. We live on a farm near Irving but are going to town soon as we like them better. I'll have more time then for myself and children.



EUGENE AND ZELDA RUSHFORD.

We have two children, Eugene, four and Zelda, two years old. I am sending their picture and hope to see it in COMFORT. They enjoy the Cubby Bear stories.

My maiden name was Alma Weller. I should like to hear from my old friends.

MRS. JOHN RUSHFORD.

ATHENS, OHIO.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND ALL:

I knocked once before but wasn't admitted and if I fall this time I fear my patience will be exhausted.

I live in a small but rather crowded city. Just now we are living in a three-room flat and there are so many buildings in front of us that we cannot see a patch of ground or a tree, nothing but roofs. I lived on a farm, earlier in life so find this rather confining for me as well as my two little ones. I take them for a walk every day and get the groceries. We hope to find a house where we can have a lawn for them to play on. Can any of you country sisters imagine yourselves transplanted to three rooms, with not even a place to burn waste? My husband takes it to the place where he works and burns it in the fire there.

I have been earning a little pin money this winter by stitching felt novelties for a manufacturing company here. They pay by the piece so I can do it at home as we live very near their place of business.

Sisters, do you know if you polish your brown shoes before you wear them they will not spot so badly?

For earache, warm a little glycerine, put it on absorbent cotton and put into ear. Sweet oil will have the same effect but it is not so good as it gets rancid and musty and must be washed out with a syringe.

You asked for ideas for parties. I stayed with a dear friend when I was a senior in high school and she gave a St. Patrick's Day party while I was there. The invitations were in keeping with the day but I cannot remember the witty verse she used. She had a dummy at the door, a figure dressed in men's clothing to represent St. Patrick. His right hand was a white canvas glove stuffed with wet cornmeal. A lady dressed as Mrs. St. Patrick, saw that each guest shook that clammy hand. He wore a tall hat that was used later in a game. She placed a chair a short distance from the hat and each one tried to pitch more cork into it than anyone else. The prize for the winner was a green pig bank.

The rooms were decorated with shamrocks cut from green crepe paper. They were pinned on the curtains and walls and such places as the room afforded. For refreshments she served sandwiches made with meat filling and lettuce leaves, with limeade (or coffee if they preferred) and lime drops. The napkins were of paper with shamrocks and pipes on them. Everyone had a good time.

Mrs. Wilkinson is frowning and if I don't leave of my own accord she will tell me to go.

Sincerely, BUGABOO.

Bugaboo.—If I frowned (though I didn't mean to) it was because I saw that you were leaving without telling us more about the party, the games you played and how you played them. We like to know everything, and I'm specially interested in Mrs. St. Patrick.—Ed.

NORTH CAROLINA.

DEAR COMFORT FAMILY:

I enjoy the Sisters' Corner very much as I am often in need of help as are most mothers.

I have two little girls, the older being four years old. Sisters and especially teachers, is it best to teach children the alphabet and such things as are in picture books before they start to school? My little girl loves her books and wants me to teach her the letters. I'd like to hear this subject discussed in COMFORT, also the best age at which to send children to school? Do you approve of waiting until they are seven years old?

It amuses me to hear the sisters discuss family affairs. If I told you that I didn't have any trouble with my husband you would be like the neighbor who asked me if I ever got mad at my husband. Then I told her I didn't have any cause to get mad at him and she told me in plain English that she didn't believe it. I didn't care but nevertheless it is true.

Mrs. Johnson, I think if I were you I'd find out what,

was attracting my little boy from home. Perhaps there is a toy of some kind that he is fond of but doesn't have at home and which might be gotten for him. I think that to keep children at home one must make the home interesting for them. If they can't find something to amuse them at home they will surely find it away from home.

I would be glad to hear from the sisters, especially those living in Florida.

CONTENTED WIFE.

DUNCAN, ARIZ.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:

I have read COMFORT for several years and hope to continue taking it. Although I have often thought of writing to the Sisters' Corner this is my first attempt. The cause of this is an article which appeared in the December number of one of our popular magazines on "Why Eligible Bachelors Won't Marry the Modern Girl." One bachelor said she was too easy, another that she smoked and drank; her dress is daring; she wants to be popular with the men and in the very next sentence he says, "She observes that the girls who receive the most attention are those who are not too proper." That is only too true. It is this kind of a girl who is generally most popular with the men. And that is one great reason why so many girls let the barriers down and become daring. They get tired of being wall flowers and wish to become popular. This same man says, "There is a certain fascination about that kind of girl, one can have a certain kind of good time with her." It is true they do have a certain kind of good time with this kind of girl and while they may not admire or respect her very much, I notice they like mighty well to be with her. He admits she is the most popular. Who makes her so? It certainly isn't the women either modest or daring. These men go on having their certain kind of good times with these girls until they get too old to care for such a fast life, or the girls get tired of them, then they turn to innocent girls, the kind all sensible men wish for a wife. These innocent girls who have been left out and made wall flowers while the eligible bachelor was having a certain kind of good time with the daring girl. One man said, "There are some things we want fresh from the stock, not from the soiled counter." Is not that just what a good woman wants, but does she get it? Not often. She is supposed to accept the first one of these eligible bachelors without considering the fact that he has been through the whole show, and that he has had his certain kind of good time with the girl of the daring ways and dress and made her the most popular girl.

Be fair, eligible bachelors, and give yourself to the girl you choose with as clean a moral character as you demand of her.

I would like to hear from some of the sisters if they care to write.

I am a happy wife and mother and like all the others, have to face many hard problems in trying to raise my children the way I think a child should be raised.

Best wishes to all. MRS. ALICE MONTGOMERY.

ORVILLE, 701, 6th Ave., CALIF.

DEAR SISTERS:

Let me tell you how to amuse the kiddies on long winter evenings. I have three, a boy of sixteen and two girls, fourteen and eight years of age. Sometimes Father joins us in our play. One of our games is a guessing or initial game. Someone will say, "I went to the grocery store and bought a can of milk" and the others guess what it was. Buy anything you want but give only the first letter of article bought. It needn't be a grocery store either. Then we take some long word and write down as many different words as we can make from it. This is educational as well as interesting and causes trips to the dictionary for the correct spelling of words. Sometimes we have a candy pull which is lots of fun and helps keep the children at home. Make home pleasant for your children or they will go to someone who will. Never be so lazy that you cannot stop and listen to what they have to say and to advise them. It is better for them to come to you than to go to someone else.

A word to young mothers. When baby cries, find out the cause. Maybe a pin has become unfastened and is sticking into him; a fretful cry is usually caused by sickness; sharp cries with drawing up of legs and throwing out of arms denote pain, usually colic. Warm the feet, as cold feet will cause colic. Put warm flannel over the stomach and keep bowels in good condition. A begging cry is hunger and most any one can tell a mad cry. Another thing, don't put things out of their reach. Make them understand that they are to leave things alone. I left my books and knickknacks around and when they were old enough I taught them they must not touch them. A few gentle slaps on the hands soon make them understand. I was a full half day with my boy but I won. Be firm and kind. Teach them at home, then you can take them any place. I commenced with mine as soon as they began to creep. It seems hard to hurt their tender little hearts but it hurts mother the most for baby soon forgets all but that he must let things alone. I have cried after their first little, hard lesson but you won't be sorry and your children will thank you for it. Make them understand that when you say No, you mean No. Have a box with their playthings in it and when they are through have them pick up everything and put them back in the box. Sometimes this is hard but when you have taught them this lesson No. 2 is learned and it will save you many steps.

On wash day do your housework while waiting for the water to heat. It will be much better than leaving it to do after you are tired from washing.

I expect by the time this is published it will be near Easter so I will tell you of the way I color eggs. Take onion skins and boil with a few eggs. It will give them different shades of brown, according to number of skins used. I color others with crepe paper, after they are boiled but still hot, by moistening the paper, wrapping it around the egg. Take several pieces of different colors and place here and there around the egg. Leave paper on until egg is cold. My children still like Easter eggs. What do we live for, sisters, if not for our children? I hate to see a woman mothering a dog or a cat when she might be giving some child a home. Adopt one or more if you haven't any of your own. My husband and I are one hundred per cent. Americans and intend to make true Americans out of our children. I tell you our American race is running down by American women marrying foreigners and by the American women not having children, they leave that to the Japs.

Another thing I hate to see is when our rich women do have children, how they leave them to the care of nurses and teachers. I think it is every mother's duty to care for her own children. And another thing is married women holding down good jobs when there are married men, with families, out of work. Of course some women have to work but I am referring to the woman whose husband earns a good salary but who wishes to work in order to buy more clothes for herself. Our boys went overseas to fight for us and their jobs should be given back to them.

I would like to hear from any sister who cares to write and will answer those who enclose stamp.

Good luck to all. MRS. J. M. COMER.

MACKAY, INDIANA.

HELLO EVERYBODY:

Shall I tell you how I enjoy spending the cold winter evenings? Give me a roaring hot fire, an easy chair and my favorite magazine, COMFORT. I have read and received help from every department and think it well worth the price.

Here is a subject I do not remember hearing discussed, although I know every housekeeper has had experience with tramps. Some people do not think it right to feed them as the Bible says it encourages shiftlessness, but does the Bible command us to feed the hungry? The teachings of our bibles. Under the teachings us to open our hearts and pocketbooks to the poor and needy. We never know how soon our luck may change and we may be like the other fellow, down and out. I try to abide by the golden rule and, to my knowledge, have not a single enemy.

I live in the Hoosier State in a small town where everyone knows everyone else. The women have formed a "Community Club." We meet once a month and sew; have sales, ice cream suppers, etc. and the money is spent to benefit the community. We have just bought a new piano for the church. Mackey is going to have a new school building before long. There is a common and high school building now but it is not large enough to accommodate the pupils as they are doing away with country schools and bringing the children to town. A large wagon with windows and seats along the sides, and a small stove to keep them warm, is used for this purpose.

Mothers, do not scold or shame your children for asking questions in regard to Nature's laws. Tell them the truth in the right way, and what is right and wrong. Do not be afraid that you will begin too young. Children love secrets and it is better to have such secrets with their own mothers than with others.

As I enjoy best the letters which describe homes and home surroundings, I'll give a brief description of ours. We have eight lots, the two-story house being located

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"Good home-made food promotes happiness and contentment"

## The Royal Baking Service

from The Royal Educational Department

EDITOR'S NOTE—With what immense satisfaction do we enjoy a piece of good home made cake! How infinitely better it is than any we could possibly buy! Many cakes look tempting but when tasted are very dry and disappointing, lacking that flavor which good flour, baking powder, shortening, eggs and above all, home baking seem to give. Wouldn't you like to become a better cake maker? You can, so easily. In fact, you may even become an expert and turn your baking knowledge into dollars, for everybody loves home made cake. The Royal Educational Department is ready to help you with suggestions and special instructions whenever you need assistance.

### Cake Troubles

"WHY does my cake rise up in the middle?" "How do you make chocolate icing glossy?" "How must I change a cake recipe when baking in high altitude?" Hundreds of women are writing this department daily such questions as these. You also perhaps may be bothered by similar baking troubles. If so, write the Royal Educational Department. It is prepared to help you as it is helping thousands of women all over the world. Following are a few of the commonest difficulties—

Question: What makes my cakes split open and the batter pour down the sides?

Answer: The oven is too hot. A crust forms before the cake has had a chance to rise completely, and the uncooked batter forces its way through the top, making a very unsightly cake with poor texture. Send for the Glazed Paper Oven Test. It is a sheet of correct oven temperatures and will be of great assistance to you.

Question: Is it necessary to use pastry flour for cakes?

Answer: While pastry flour is excellent for all recipes in which baking powder is used, it is not necessary and moreover not available for everyone. All recipes on these pages and in the New Royal Cook Book were made up with an ordinary good bread flour and the proportion of liquid is correct. All flour, however, should be sifted before measuring (two or three times is even better for cakes) and never packed down in the cup, but piled in very lightly.

Question: How can I get a fine-grained cake?

Answer: Cream butter or other shortening before adding sugar—use fine granulated sugar if possible. Beat the batter well after adding each ingredient, and when the beaten egg whites are added last, mix them lightly, but very thoroughly, into the batter. On the other hand, hard beating at this stage tends to toughen the cake. Bake the cake in a moderate oven, increasing the heat slightly after it has been in the oven about 10 minutes.

### The Birthday Cake



Remember grown-ups as well as little folks will appreciate a birthday cake. It must be of superfine quality. This inexpensive Pound Cake (recipe below) is delicious; for one still less costly you might try the Royal Cream Loaf Cake (page 12 New Royal Cook Book) which is so light and fine you would never dream that it requires but two eggs.

Of course the birthday cake must go as far as possible. Everybody

will want a piece, perhaps two, so here is a way of cutting it that will surprise you by its economy.

With a sharp knife, beginning at the outside, cut around in circles until you reach the center, then slice through each circular piece as illustrated.

Small families, however, will not eat a whole cake at one time; therefore instead of the usual way, cut desired number of pieces from center of the cake as illustrated below. To keep the rest fresh push the two remaining pieces close together like a whole cake. This will keep it moist and soft several days.



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#### Pound Cake

1 cup butter  
1 cup sugar  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
1 teaspoon lemon extract  
5 eggs  
2 cups flour  
1 teaspoon Royal Baking Powder  
Cream butter thoroughly; add sugar very slowly, beating well between each addition. Add flavoring and yolks of eggs which have been beaten until pale yellow. Beat egg whites until light and stiff with flour which has been sifted with the baking powder two or three times. Beat mixture well for several minutes, until very light and fluffy. Bake in greased loaf pan in moderate oven about one hour. Cover with the following frosting:

#### Ornamental Frosting

1/2 cup sugar  
1/2 cup water  
2 egg whites  
1 teaspoon flavoring extract  
1 teaspoon Royal Baking Powder.  
Boil sugar and water without stirring until syrup spins a thread; add very slowly to beaten egg whites; add flavoring and baking powder and beat until smooth and stiff enough to spread. Put over boiling water, stirring continually until icing grates slightly on bottom of bowl. Spread on cake. This can be forced through a pastry tube, or, through a cornucopia made from ordinary white letter paper.

#### Royal Tropic Aroma Cake

(Illustrated above)

3/4 cup shortening  
1 1/4 cups sugar  
1 cup milk  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon nutmeg  
3 eggs  
2 1/2 cups flour  
4 teaspoons Royal Baking Powder  
1 teaspoon cinnamon  
Cream shortening; add sugar and beaten eggs. Mix well and add (sifted together) half the flour, baking powder, salt and spices; add milk and remainder of dry ingredients. Bake two-thirds of this batter in two greased layer tins, and to the remaining third add one tablespoon cocoa which has been mixed with one tablespoon boiling water. Use this for middle layer. Bake layers in hot oven 15 to 20 minutes. Put following filling and icing between layers and on top of cake.

3 tablespoons butter  
1 tablespoon cocoa  
2 cups confectioner's sugar  
3 tablespoons strong coffee  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
Cream butter. Add sugar and cocoa very slowly, beating until light and fluffy. Add vanilla and coffee slowly a few drops at a time, making soft enough to spread.

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## Making Home Attractive

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Painting Glass and Tin the Latest Home Art Fad

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**T**HE woman who is always alert to find some new kind of decoration that will add to the attractiveness of her home, and at the same time be of small cost, will enjoy this new form of enamel painting that requires no firing.

The two accompanying illustrations give a good idea of this work, showing its simplicity. The tall piece is the familiar glass jar which comes filled with stick candy, while the low square one when purchased contained cold-cream.

The contents of both had been used and the jars cleaned and put away, to be brought forth at a later date and decorated for a church sale, where, as a novelty, they attracted much attention. Without the covers, both of these jars would make lovely flower vases. After acquiring the knack of using these paints, your brush will become very busy painting coat hangers, tin candlesticks, tin candy boxes, and many other articles, besides redecorating vases, lamps, baskets, and other things that you have long been tired of but too good to be cast aside.

The materials required for this work are one can of white enamel paint, a tube each of artist's paint in whatever colors you will use, a short-hair sable brush for fine lines, a somewhat larger brush to float on solid backgrounds, a bottle of turpentine for thinning and for cleaning brushes, a large plate to mix paint on, and a palette-knife or an old case-knife worn thin.

As the candy and cold-cream jars usually have a little pressed decoration, they make excellent pieces to begin on. Taking first the candy jar, which had at the edge of the shoulder a circle of scallops pressed in, each one being connected with the base by a vertical indentation in the glass, all of which may be drawn in freely with the white enamel paint which has previously been mixed to the desired color with tube paint. The design beneath each scallop is first lightly traced with a sharply-pointed pencil on the back of carbon paper, then placed, carbon side, against the glass and the design transferred to the glass by means of retracing the design with the pencil, using a little more pressure. This will leave a fine dark line as a guide to paint by.

The jar has a screw top, and the cover is made of tin which is first given a solid background of tinted enamel, and is allowed to dry thoroughly. The design is then outlined and painted on. The scallops and vertical lines on jar should be well dried before attempting the decoration beneath.

The same rules apply to painting the cold-cream jar. Here an initial was applied, and is intended to be used for a baby's powder jar and puff.

Where a solid background of dark color is used, the design is transferred by first drawing it on the back of carbon paper, then thoroughly dusting the carbon side with talcum powder, holding it against the surface to be painted and retracing the design. It will leave a fine white line.

Black enameled backgrounds with bright flower and bird decorations are just now much used, and they are wonderfully pretty for painting over old lamps and tin candlesticks. Usually one coat of enamel is sufficient, but if the work appears flat after drying, apply a second coat.

### The Selection and Care of Bedding

A comfortable bed is conducive to good health, beyond a doubt. Of first importance is the choice of a spring that will neither stretch at the edges nor sag in the middle. A good mattress is the next consideration. Years ago, if one wanted a comfortable mattress it had to be made of curled hair which was very expensive, and still is, but nowadays it is quite a different matter, with the floss, the cotton-felt and the wool-felt mattresses to choose from. The wool-felt is highly satisfac-

tory and is replacing those made of hair. The floss mattress is also very desirable, and a good quality of cotton-felt, if well made, will give wear and comfort. In selecting a mattress be sure it is tacked on the sides. While this feature makes a mattress cost a little more, it is cheaper in the end, as these tackings keep the mattress from spreading and becoming thin at the edges. If a mattress stretches, you may be sure it is becoming thinner and in time will be lumpy. A bed will never make up square and trim with a stretched mattress. By covering the mattresses while they are new with well-fitted boxed covers, made of shrunken, unbleached cotton, much will be accomplished toward holding them in shape. The covers will also keep them clean and they can be removed and washed when necessary. The covers are tied across one end with tapes a few inches apart.

Next to the mattress is laid a protecting pad. A thin blanket folded once crossways, covered with shrunken unbleached muslin and quilted by machine with a long stitch, makes an excellent one. In case of sickness, a draw-sheet on top of under sheet makes the best pad, as it is easily washed. Take a sheet and fold it once lengthwise, then lay the center exactly at the center of the mattress, crossways of the bed, and very smoothly fold one-half under the mattress as far as it will go. Then walk to the other side of bed, draw the sheet very taut with both hands and fold it under the mattress as on the opposite side. It should be tight enough for the mattress to slightly buckle, which disappears as soon as the patient lies upon it. If a large-size safety-pin is put through, well into the mattress and sheet, at each corner where it turns over the edge, the draw sheet will remain smooth several days, which in turn helps keep the under sheet in place.



CRETONNE SHAM AND BEDSPREAD.

Pillows should be filled with goose feathers or the short down feathers from ducks. Hen feathers are likely to lack "spring," and lay in hard lumps. In case pillows become soiled from sickness, they can be washed through several heavy suds, rinsed through several clean waters, and hung to dry where they will get sun and wind.

Short or narrow sheets must be avoided, for they soon are in folds and wrinkles and prevent perfect rest. Nothing causes so much soil to the rest of the bedding as short sheets. Before cutting sheets, measure the length and width of mattress, including the depth of boxing, and then allow thirty inches larger each way, which will give fifteen inches to turn under. As sheets wear out at the center, tear them in two lengthwise, overhand the two selvages and put a narrow hem on the torn edges.

Warm, light-weight bed coverings are conducive to well-rested bodies. All wool blankets, or comforters made of wool wadding, are the most satisfactory. That woolen blankets are hard to wash is an argument made against them. Many housewives nowadays make slips like pillow-cases and put their woolen blankets into them before they are used. With a long stitch the blanket is caught to the edge of slip on all four sides. Being made of shrunken print, they are readily removed and washed. With this treatment, blankets keep new and clean indefinitely. The wool-wadding comes in full sizes, all ready to tuck between covers.

### Attractive Bed Coverings

While the first consideration is one of comfort, a distinctive daytime covering for her bed is the wish of every woman who loves attractive surroundings. White is always restful to the eye, but it soils, oh, so easily, and I suppose for this very reason we have returned to our great-grandmothers' ideas of colored coverlets and bedspreads. Daintily checked gingham, striped seersuckers, chintz or cretonne are the most favored fabrics, because they do not soil or crush easily, and can be given a fresh appearance by simply pressing.

The one illustrated shows a plain color attractively combined with a floral pattern. Both materials are of cretonne. The plain centers of sham and bedspread are cut the same width so that a straight line will be continuous from head to foot of bed. In cutting the figured border, the corners are mitered. At the foot, the sides and end pieces are left open below the rail and hang each side of the bedpost.

### Love Will Find the Way

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6.)

#### CHAPTER XXVI.

##### THE AWAKENING OF JUNIUS.

"Mr. Beckwith is down-stairs, Miss Gordon." The servant made the announcement standing at the door of Anne Gordon's boudoir, and she rose swiftly, a sweet, happy color surmounting her cheeks.

It was the man whom she loved who awaited her, and her heart thrilled with delight as she heard his name even from the lips of the servant.

How quickly he had responded to her little message, and how grateful she was to him that he cared for her! She was so humble, so sweetly submissive in her great love, that it seemed to her she was scarcely fit to touch the tips of his fingers. She forgot her own youth, her beauty, her glorious womanhood; she forgot that there were few women under heaven even comparable to her in her great, unselfish, generous affections, and it seemed to her that she was receiving all and giving nothing in return.

There was a smile in her eyes that changed all the sadness into sunshine as she leaned over Janet Reade and kissed her cheek.

"You will excuse me for a few minutes, and rest here until I return," she said gently. "I sent for Mr. Beckwith in order that he might help us with his advice. Have courage; all will be well."

As she spoke the words her lips trembled slightly, for she suddenly remembered again what might be the fate of the girl whom she had chosen to call her sister. It did not have the power to rob her of all the happiness at the thought of her lover's presence, but there was little of the dancing light in her eyes that had been there at the maid's announcement when she entered the room where June awaited.

She went up to him swiftly and placed both her hands in his. She leaned her forehead for a moment against his lips, and forgot to observe the coldness of his greeting. She was not even aware that he did not kiss her, so absorbed was she again in her thoughts for another.

"I am so glad you came so quickly," she said, drawing herself back and looking at him.

"You sent, did you not?" he asked, with a little weary smile. "I shall always try to respond just as promptly to any request of yours. How excited you look, Anne, and how unusual it is! Has anything happened?"

"Yes. Sit down while I tell you. You have always been so interested in her that I know you will feel as excited as I do."

"Her? Who?"

"Marian."

He started slightly and his eyes dropped; a little pallor crept up through his cheeks; but in her innocence Anne Gordon thought nothing of it. She leaned forward and took his hand eagerly.

"Ah, don't look like that, June!" she exclaimed, with tender earnestness. "I felt so sure that I could count on you; I felt so sure that you would help me in everything. The subject worries you, dear; but for my sake you must do what you can. Won't you promise me, June?"

How like a hypocrite he felt! For one brief moment he was tempted to tell her the truth, but the temptation vanished, and he held his tongue. He lifted her hand and pressed it to his cheeks, not his lips.

"What is it that you wish to tell me, Anne?" he asked gently. "I thought that subject was to be dead between us?"

"Yes, I know; but, you see, all the circumstances have changed."

"All what circumstances?"

He had turned his eyes upon her suddenly, intently; his lips were slightly parted, and his breath came through them with a little curious sound.

## Corns

Lift Off with the Fingers



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"Those that surrounded Marian."

"Changed? How?"

The two words were scarcely more than hoarse whispers. She observed his earnestness, and it gratified her. There was no room for jealousy in that stanch and loyal heart.

"She was not guilty of that of which we accused her, June."

"Not guilty? What are you talking about, Anne? You don't usually speak in conundrums."

His tone was almost sharp. She had never heard him speak like that before, but she did not resent it in the least. She only drew his hand more closely within her warm clasp, and told him the story as nearly as she and Janet Reade had been able to put it together. She told it connectedly, if a little excitedly, and he listened in silence, never interrupting her by word or exclamation until she had finished. Even then he did not speak until Anne said:

"Are you not sorry for her, June? Do you not see how the poor child was sacrificing herself to save that worthless father? We must do something to save her, dear—you and I—and I have sent for you to tell me what we had best do first."

He was ghastly; his eyes were burning in their intensity. He did not look at her. He felt that she would have read every thought in his anguished soul if he had. He looked straight ahead, and tried to infuse his voice with some naturalness, though without much success, as he said:

"And this robbery? What night was it that you say it was committed?"

"Do you remember the night we heard Melba in 'Lucia'?"

He nodded, incapable of speech.

"It was the night after. You remember the following day was Marian's birthday. She went home that afternoon. It was that night that her father committed the robbery, and the following morning, before I had discovered the loss, the jewels were returned."

And it was the same morning that Marian had written him that fatal letter which lay then in the back of his watch. It was under the awful agony upon her that she had enclosed that little flower, telling him that she was as withered in soul as the tiny tulleman she had enclosed.

And he had not understood it! He had not trusted the purity of her angel soul above all else in the world! He had not trusted the little heart-broken messenger that she had sent! He was only too ready to believe her false.

And she had told him that lie, that had lain like lead upon his soul, in order that she might spare him pain!

That thought was apparent to him now. He seemed to read all her unselfishness, all her generosity, all her love in that one act. She had

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## Lessens Woman's Work

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needs of the worker to carry on her varying tasks in a way that will provide comfort for her family, and save herself from that form of drudgery caused by lack of conveniences, many of which, when once acquired, last a lifetime.

The long counters, built on two sides of the kitchen, are invaluable. Closets and drawers are built beneath them, but at intervals they should be left open to receive the blue-flame oilstove, the fireless cooker, the high stool, the kitchen wagon, or other articles that otherwise would be in the way when not in use.

Another special feature is the cooking center which is built in to the right of the sink. In the compartments enclosed overhead are stored the dry supplies used in cooking, while in the long one to the right are hung the various sized stew-pans, a rack for kettle covers, mullin-pans, cake-cooler, frying-pans, and baking-pans of various sizes. If arranged with care this high closet will hold a large equipment.

Between the underside of counterboard and top drawer is a stationary bread-board, made with a cleat across the back end to prevent its ever being pulled away out of the opening, which is just wide enough to allow the board to be pushed in and out without binding. It may be made the full depth of the counter.

In the drawers beneath, which are made with compartments, are kept such equipment as egg-beaters, graters, strainers, potato-ricer, various cutters, apple corer, can opener, corkscrews, kitchen teaspoons, etc.

To the extreme right is a flour bin which is hinged in at the base, while the top is cut with a backward curve which enables the bin to be pulled forward for use, and pushed back flush when not in use. In winter these are particularly useful, as a large amount of flour is at hand and will keep at the kitchen temperature.

Under the sink are two doors and to the left two drawers. Behind the right-hand door is kept the molasses, vinegar, sugar bucket and other large-size containers. Behind the door at the left is kept soap, stacked without wrappers so it will be continually drying, ammonia, starch, silver and brass polish, and other supplies of this class. If these spaces are at all inclined to gather moisture, the doors should be made with lattice-work laid in squares.

In the drawers are kept clean holders, neat piles of old cloth for all kinds of household purposes, a box containing a hammer, a few nails and screws of various sizes, hooks and a small screwdriver, and brushes for various purposes. Of the three larger drawers to the left, in the upper two are kept such supplies as pertain to both dining-room and kitchen, including kitchen towels, napkins and covers, doilies, tray-cloths, bibs and eating aprons, kitchen aprons, thin boxes of paraffin paper for lunches, paper napkins, etc., while in the lower is kept clean wrapping paper and bags spread smoothly, and string carefully saved. The closets overhead are for dishes.

The whole secret is to save steps by grouping similar things and placing them near the part of the room where they will be used.

The two panels under dish closet indicate an opening. With hinged or sliding doors, through which articles may be passed into the adjoining room, which may be either the dining-room or pantry, and thus save a journey around through the door at the left end of the counter.

### The Dropleaf Table

To the right of the stove, and under the lamp shelf a collapsible table has been built. One of its purposes is to provide a center for lamp filling and cleaning, which should never be carried on near dishes or sink. After all trace of the lamp work has been removed to the shed, the table is ready to serve for other kinds of work which the general-purpose kitchen always provides, and which should be kept apart. As a place on which to set a meal for the belated one, this table is a great comfort to the housewife, for it allows her to transfer just the necessary dishes and food and then proceed with the general clearing away. When used temporarily for sewing, this table is invaluable to the woman who must keep so many "irons in the fire" at once. With sufficient light from above, it also provides an excellent study table.

Being collapsible, it can be dropped against the wall and the space used for other purposes when necessary. In constructing this table, a strip of first securely fastened to the wall, and the leaf fastened to this with strong hinges. When raised, the leaf gets its support by means of wooden brackets hinged to the wall. These are cut from the same thickness of lumber as the strip, so that when they are turned back against the wall the leaf will hang straight down. If the leaf is more than three feet long, it should be supported by two brackets.

Every kitchen needs a cozy corner near a window with a comfortable chair and a wall desk, where writing materials, household accounts, cook-books, and literature having reference to farm machinery and agriculture is kept.

These wall shelves occupy the space between the outside boarding and the plastering inside, and this may be extended by boxing in the frame to the desired depth. The door is hinged at the lower edge and provides writing or reading leaf when open. A length of chain, on each side, with one end fastened half way down the inside of door, and the other on the inside of the frame about two-thirds the way up, provides support and drops inside when the door is closed. A stout, non-stretching cord may be used in place of the chain.

An ironing board that is always ready for service is an indispensable equipment. It is unfair for any housewife to be obliged to spread her ironing pad and cover upon a table, for not only will her work be unsatisfactory but her progress will be slow compared with ironing at a proper height on a tightly-covered board. Unless one has a board of the portable, folding type, a wall board is recommended, with many prefer to any other kind. By studying the illustration on cover, it will be seen how simple an arrangement it is. A cleat is fastened to the wall and the widest end of the board hinged to it, so when not in use the board swings upward, flat against the wall, where it is held in place by means of a strong hook which catches into a staple on the underside of board near the end. The hook swings from a small cleat on the wall. When in use the board is supported by a strong strip, one end of which is hinged to the underside of board while the other rests on the floor against the baseboard.

### Proper Height of Working Surfaces

The top of the stove, tables, kitchen counters, the bottom of the sink, or any other surfaces upon which a given task is to be performed, should be at such a height from the floor that the housewife can work easily without being obliged to stoop or raise her arms unnecessarily.

If the surface is too low, as is so often the case, the worker must continually raise and lower the upper part of the body with each motion, while if it is too high she must lift her arms in such a way as to bring unnecessary strain on the muscles. Either of these means a needless waste of energy and greatly increases the labor connected with kitchen tasks. They can be avoided by raising or lowering the table, etc., as need be, which in many cases may be done by placing the table upon blocks of wood, preferably hollowed on top to prevent the legs of the table from slipping. A still better plan is having the table legs adjusted if too short or, if too long, cut off. Like-

wise, the stove can be blocked up, its own weight holding it in place.

No one set rule for heights of working surfaces will apply, since all depends on the stature of the worker and the length of her arms. However, there is a general rule that may be followed with the addition of a little judgment on the part of the worker, which is, that most surfaces, including the bottom of the sink, should be from thirty-one to thirty-six inches from the floor, for workers that range from five feet one inch to five feet eight inches tall. For the ironing board, the workable height is a little lower, in order that the weight of the body may be utilized in obtaining pressure. It should not, however, be so low that the worker will have to bend over too much. If a sink is too low, and cannot at once be changed, a wooden rack can be used under the dishpan to raise it to an easy working level. Another feature connected with the sink is that there is little spattering if the height is right.

If it can be avoided, no counter or table top should be made of soft wood, as it requires far too much bleaching and scrubbing to be profitable. Zinc for working surfaces is the best, and if fitted and soldered at the corners, is sanitary and will last indefinitely. It should also be cut large enough to be bent upward six inches where it meets a wall, a square cut from the corners, the edges brought together and soldered. All front edges should extend over and under the edge of board and then hammered into place. Where this plan is carried out, no tacking is necessary. Next to zinc, a top of hard wood occasionally treated with a coat of boiling hot linseed oil is the most satisfactory.

### Rain Water in the House

Probably nothing counts more materially as a labor saver than rain water conducted into the farm kitchen, yet so many will get along without it, or perhaps catch a tubful at the corner of the house.

For the vast amount of benefit received, it costs comparatively little to build a cistern and connect it by means of gutters and conductors with the roofs of the buildings. If at the beginning of each rain the conductors are turned aside and the water allowed to run upon the ground until the dust is washed from the roofs, the water will remain white and clean in the cistern. Or, if water is scarce, the first that runs can be caught in tubs, and when strained be useful for many purposes.

On the cover you will see an illustration which shows how a molasses barrel or hoghead may be installed to carry a limited amount of rain water into a shed sink where the children and farm hands may wash and thus save confusion at the kitchen sink. The barrel cover is in two parts, the smaller being about one-third of the cover which is nailed in place, and receives the conductor. The second part of the cover is hinged to this and fits closely to keep out insects and dust.

### Miscellaneous Equipment

An emery-wheel, on which kitchen knives may be ground, is almost indispensable, and a rack made by nailing two boards at right angles and cutting grooves into which the various sized knives may be slipped when not in use, is a great convenience to the housewife. Such an emery-wheel clamps to the corner of a bench or table and is removable, if so desired, when not in use. The cost is small.

A meat-grinder, or sometimes better called a food-chopper, as its mission is to grind many kinds of food besides meat, is a real necessary which saves both time and material.

Reliable scales for weighing are another kitchen necessary when canning and preserving days come, besides all the year through there will be many occasions when it is important to know the correct weight of an article.

A kitchen press of which there are many types, is another labor saver when it comes to making jelly, grape juice or a little sweet cider.

### The Kitchen Floor

Fifty years ago little attention was given to kitchen floors beyond having them of sound lumber, level and fairly tight. They were usually left bare and unfinished, or at most given one or two coats of paint which soon wore off in the most used places.

There are just two practical ways of having a kitchen floor: hard wood, or covered with oilcloth or linoleum.

If made of wood, hard pine, when properly filled as soon as laid, makes a good wearing floor, and in most localities costs less than maple, birch or oak. But on immediate filling of the wood depends its time of usefulness, for if allowed to fill with dust, dry out and open at the seams, or is given soap and water before it is treated, it will splinter and be very unsatisfactory. The following treatment will be found effective: Sand-paper until smooth, brush clean, then dust with a clean dry cloth. Bring to a boil some boiled linseed oil, which may be bought prepared. Have ready an equal quantity of spirits of turpentine. Take the hot oil out of doors, and there mix it with the turpentine. This must never be done indoors as it is very inflammable. Apply generously and rapidly while the mixture is hot, making an application two days in succession. The floor should now be allowed to dry for not less than two days, and on the third another coat of hot oil and turpentine applied. Let dry until the surface appears firm, which will take several days, then finish with some guaranteed floor filler varnish that is elastic. Two coats should be used, letting several days elapse between coats. If kept brushed with a long-handled hair broom and the spots wiped up with clear soft water, a general washing will seldom be required. The floor should be varnished once a year in warm weather, and prepared by washing in tepid water without soap.

While the hard-wood floor is all very well, nothing equals covering the floor with a good grade of linoleum when it comes to labor and dollar saving. To be sure, linoleum costs more than oilcloth at the start, but in the end it will cost less. It should have a good coat of floor filler varnish once a year.

The length of time that linoleum wears depends in no small degree as to how it is laid. Careful measurements of the room are first taken, then the linoleum cut. Avoid seams coming in much-used places. When it is necessary to use narrow strips, push the whole breadth over the important spaces, and use the narrow pieces at the edges where there is no wear.

Any unevenness or rough places in the floor will wear the linoleum, so this feature must be given careful attention. Lay the linoleum, but do not tack it to the floor for six weeks or two months, as it stretches with use. Keep watch for any places that buckle, then trim around the edges until it will again lie flat.

If you cannot afford to cover your entire floor with linoleum, cover the center at least, letting it run a little way under the stove, up to the sink and counters. Follow above directions for tacking.

Saving needless labor is just as true economy as careful spending of money.

### Running Water Piped Into the House

Though mentioned last, yet most important of all for health and comfort, not only of the housewife but of the entire household, is running water piped into the house from a pure and abundant source of supply. Many farm houses are thus equipped, and every one should be if by any means possible. If a natural source of supply such as a pond, reliable spring or never-failing

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### Love Will Find the Way

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tried to make him believe that she did not care, thinking he would suffer less.

And he had been only too willing to believe. He recalled then how she had looked into his eyes that morning in the park, how happy she was! He knew that she loved him with all the strength of her pure nature. And then he thought of how she must have suffered before she could bring herself to write the note that she intended should separate them forever.

And yet, even that must have been small to her in comparison with the cause.

A little groan welled up from his heart, and found egress through his lips. Then suddenly he remembered—Anne Gordon—his betrothed wife! It was with an awful start of horror that he could scarcely keep within bounds. He did not know how long she had been silent. He did not know what the last words were which she had spoken. He felt a violent trembling upon him, without any power whatever to control it.

He did not speak; because, in the first place, he was afraid of himself, and then he did not know what he was expected to say. He did not know whether she had asked him a question or not.

He waited, the silence becoming unbearable; and then at last she broke it.

"What do you think of it all?" she asked.

"I don't know," he answered vaguely.

"But you don't expect me to give her up, June, because her father is a scoundrel?" Anne asked, wistfully.

He caught her hands in a grasp that hurt her. He was scarcely aware of his own vehemence, but it touched her good and honest heart.

"Give her up?" he exclaimed. "No, no—never! We must find her. We must do what can be done to rectify the horrible mistake that has been made. And there is no time to lose, Anne."

She lifted the hand that had hurt her and kissed it.

"I was sure you would say that," she said tenderly. "It is like my June. You will help me—or, rather, we will help each other. How good you are! But there is another thing, dear, which I have feared, and yet have not allowed myself to think."

"What?"

"Can't you guess? Remember what she has suffered, dear. Think! First the robbery, and then finding herself under the hideous disgrace that must have come upon her. You know how sensitive she is. June, what thought do you suppose would be the first to enter the head of a foolish girl, when she believed that she had lost everything which life held most dear?"

He did not reply. He sat there staring at her as if he had suddenly lost his senses. She leaned forward and whispered a sentence into his ear.

"Would it not be suicide?"

He did not say anything. He arose mechanically and picked up his hat.

She felt a strange influence upon her, and in her endeavor to shake it off she laughed nervously, discordantly.

"But that is foolish," she exclaimed. "She has not done it. We won't believe it—you and I. We will find her, June, and she will be happy with us, dear—our sweet, much-cherished sister!"

He looked at her for a moment with something like madness in his brain, and then turned away.

"I will go," he said loudly, "and see what it is possible for me to discover."

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## MARRIAGE

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"Oh, Hal, you may be talking sense—I confess I don't know. But is it unreasonable for a man to expect his wife to keep his house in order? And should the strain of boiling coffee six minutes and an egg four give brain fog to an intelligent woman?"

"That is beside the point," dismissed Harriet. "And you speak of partnership. Do you think that Richard admitted you to full membership in your family firm? Never. You are merely the office boy, Norah. Buck up, my dear. I know you are sick."

"I am not sick, Hal. There is nothing on earth the matter with me but my infernal spiritual rebellion. Where is my trunk?"

Norah reached Gray late that evening to find the president of the college waiting for her.

"Now, none of that," he said kindly as he observed her dilating eyes. "Doctor Landis is no worse. We took him to the hospital today. You are coming home with me and after I have told you all about it, I will turn you over to Mrs. Linton for comfort."

Seated in his library, Doctor Linton told Norah how her husband had driven himself during the past weeks.

"He was giving four lectures a week at the summer school, but it was the book that he agonized over. We find that he worked on it till far into the nights and I fancy he was none too regular about his meals."

Norah shuddered.

"It will be months, Doctor Rand says, before he can resume his regular work. We are," he added, "as you probably know, not a heavily-endowed college."

Norah's color rose and she started to speak but he restrained her.

"The trustees met this afternoon and decided, in consideration of his value to us, to pay, themselves, his salary for next year, at the same time giving him leave of absence."

"Oh!" Norah breathed. "Charity!"

"That is unkind, Mrs. Landis."

"Oh, it is, Doctor Linton. Forgive me. They are splendid. I thank them all. Will you tell them so? But we can't accept it. At least," she faltered, "I do not think that we can. You see, I am confused tonight. But deeply grateful. I must think."

"Of course." And after a warm handclasp he turned her over to his wife who was waiting with a bowl of hot broth.

Norah was at the hospital early the next morning but Doctor Rand was before her.

"How is he, doctor?" she asked before he had done greeting her.

"He'll be better now," he hedged.

"Doctor Rand, will it harm him if I talk to him—about business?"

"I hope it will do him good. The man is worried and the quicker we eliminate worry the faster he will mend. Twenty minutes, Mrs. Landis, and not a second more."

Landis turned his fever-bright eyes to her as she entered and she ran to the bed and sank on her knees, laying her cheek against his.

"Dick," she sobbed, "I've been so wicked."

He ran a hand over her ruddy hair. "You!" he cried. "I am the one who has been wicked, Norah. I have been thinking since you left me."

"Dick, please!"

"I must go on, Norah. I wanted to come up to Twilight Park to tell you this, but you gave no sign that I would be welcome."

"I was stupid, dear. I granted man the right to choose his work; I denied that right to woman as soon as she became a wife. I see now that I had no right to assume that all women would thrill to do housework any more than that all men should choose to be carpenters."

"But I do want to keep your house, Dick. I will scrub for you, cook or brew or mend for you—anything. Because I love you."

"Hush, dear! It is your emotion and not your reason that is speaking now. Let me blurt my general confession. I crushed your eager spirit. I pitched you into a ready-made environment and bade you get your happiness by being my fireside goddess. This isn't sick-bed repentance, Norah, and I can prove it. Dear, I have rented the house you loved on the edge of town. They're putting in a skylight and hollyhocks have been set out against the garden wall. We'll swing it together, Norah."

"Dear," her voice was very low and tender.

"You see, you're smashed. And they want you to rest for a year."

She felt his body sag under the covers and a spasm of pain contorted his features.

"But the trustees have offered to pay your salary themselves. That is what they think of you."

"I'm much obliged," he muttered through closed teeth, "but I'll see them damned first."

"That is what I said," sparkled Norah. "Oh, not profanely, Dick, but very demurely."

"We must give up the house," he said listlessly.

"Dick, we're married. We're a family unit. Why should it humiliate us to pool the fruits of our talents? You would work for me till the last gasp. Is it fair to deny me the same privilege—at work I love?"

In health he had done his sum of surrender. Incapacitated, the results were not the same. It was one thing to let Norah work with him. It was quite another to permit her to work for him. But he had surrendered—gallantly. To revoke that surrender would, he felt, degrade him in the eyes of the woman he loved.

However, he protested. "Norah, it is a man's privilege to take care of his wife."

"Of course it is, foolish. Just let me catch you trying to shirk it."

His lips relaxed a trifle.

"Mother's furniture," Norah hurried on, "is stored in New York. And I have my things from the studio. We can furnish that house so attractively! I'll be at work before you can turn around. I had a letter from an art editor only three days ago. I haven't answered it. I'll wire my reply inside an hour. Honey, maybe they won't let you teach for a year, but I'll contract to make you fit to write. We'll nurse the hollyhocks together and then while you write I'll draw. And we'll roam over the hills and dream; and come back to the freighthouse to dream. And if it humiliates you, no one need know. It is our business."

"As if I cared! Norah, I'm proud of you. And you shall be proud of me."

"I have always been," she said simply.

"But prouder. I can feel something racing through my veins that I know is power. My book will be a success—"

"Time's up," the doctor entered to announce.

Norah rose, her face radiant. "What if it is?" she queried impudently. "Who said it wasn't? And who cares, anyway? I warn you that you needn't come around trying to bully us, Doctor Rand."

The old man chuckled indulgently.

"Now, Dick, I'm off to send some messages. Can I do anything for you?"

"If you've time, Norah—"

"All the time there is, Dick."

"You might run out for a look at the skylight—and the hollyhocks. And then come back to tell me about them. Doctor, get out of here, I'm going to sleep."

He watched Norah's vibrant figure disappear through the door, turned to the kind-faced old man with a whimsical smile, and burrowed his head in his pillow for his first dreamless sleep in weeks.

## Comfort Sisters' Corner

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in about the center, leaving a large space on the sides for gardens. There are three large shade trees in front, while the barn, chicken yard and a small garden are in the back. I have a small kitchen, only eight and one-half by eleven feet. The walls and ceiling are painted a pretty light green, dark green linoleum on floor, work table covered with green oilcloth, green portieres in doorway, green blind with cream curtains with rose and green border are at the window. I use a coal oil range during the hot months. This is my summer kitchen. I have a larger room to use for winter. At present it is papered in pale grey with grey linoleum and white curtains. I have a screened in porch and as the pantry is in the end of this it makes a good work-room on hot days.

Can any of the sisters tell me how to keep pot covers blooming through the winter? I have no luck with mine.

I would be glad to hear from anyone who cares to write.

FLINTSTONE, MD.

HELLO SISTERS:  
I'll tell you how I look, as I'm a newcomer and you don't know me. I am five feet, two inches short, dark brown hair and eyes, weigh 110 pounds and am an everlasting reader. Was nineteen years old the 4th of last June. Comfort was the first paper I ever read and it has been a valuable friend always.

Last summer, while on one of my rambles, I came upon an old deserted house and while exploring around I came to a large pile of papers and magazines of all descriptions. Searching eagerly through them I said to myself, "This is a curious collection if Comfort isn't here." Suddenly I found my friend but would never have recognized it but for the name. The paper was older than I am. Not even a Sisters' Corner mentioned, no League of Cousins, no Cousin Marion, no Katherine Booth, but searching hurriedly through the paper I found much that was good. Later, laying the paper by the side of its grownup self I remarked seriously, "You certainly have improved since a child."

Mother left us before I was twelve years old and I have been housekeeper for my father, brothers and sisters since. I have two sisters and three brothers younger than myself. They are all going to school and I have been a few days this winter. Am a Freshman in the high school here.

We have a farm of 450 acres, four miles from high school but a bus carries the children there and back every day. I doubt if I will go to school much more this winter for my health isn't the best so if you want to brighten my days, write me letters.

VIRGIE HELEN STONESTREET.

NEBRASKA.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND EVERYBODY:  
Have just been reading the December number for the second time and when I read "Aunt Sally-Lou's" letter I thought I would take a chance on the waste basket.

I, too, think Molly-Joe should get married.

I am another who has always had to give up and stay at home. First I had to quit school and take care of the children and keep house when mother died. Then I gave up the man I expected to marry and stayed home and let my sister go to work for herself. In a few years the same man hunted me up but I had to give him up again because my father said he couldn't spare me. Now father is gone and I have no home. Am keeping house for a cousin but I would give almost anything for a home of my own.

With best wishes,

MISS OMAHA.

SOMEWHERE IN TENNESSEE.

DEAR COMFORT SISTERS AND BROTHERS:

You sent me a lot of advice, but before my letter appeared I had gone to work away from home. It was hard to leave the dear ones but as they are most grown they would soon have left me. As it is I can go back when I get ready and if matters had gone on as they were I would have let my temper get away and that would have fixed things for good, so I am thinking I did the best thing.

Mrs. Wilkinson sent me a great bunch of letters that had been sent her for me. I tried to answer all who sent stamps. They went to my home before I received them and were opened and were greatly mixed up when they came to me. If I slightest any of you please do not think I was to blame. Every letter was precious to me.

Some of the sisters seem to think marriage is the answer to all troubles. I do not think so. Why can't one live happy and carefree single as well as married? Anyway, I intend to try it.

B. of Goshen, I hardly know how to take you. You seem to be more than one person. Won't you write me another letter?

Tonight I am at my aunt's home. I must make the most of my time for I must soon bid me back to my work. There were offers of work from several states but I am finding lots to do in my native state and to leave it would be most as hard as to leave Father.

I don't believe I have ever described myself but I can do it in three words—jolly, fat and homely.

Oceans of good cheer to everybody.

MOLLY JOE.

LIMESTONE, R. R. 2, TENN.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:

May I have the floor for a few moments?

I wish to thank everyone for the nice letters I have received recently and am very sorry that I cannot write everyone a personal letter, but it is impossible. I have received more than two hundred letters and I shall try to answer all who sent stamps. I have put each letter carefully away and shall remember every one of you as personal friends. I pray for the unfortunate ones and I wish for you all greater and more abundant blessings than in the past years.

MRS. BONNIE BOVELL.

IOWA.

DEAR COMFORTABLE FOLK:

Well, I find that some school teachers have sent in their letters and so I've decided to join the ranks after many years of silent reading. Indeed, old COMFORT is all and more than its name implies and the COMFORT Sisters' Corner is no mean part of that magazine, either.

I am twenty-one years of age and started on my fourth year of teaching last week. I always wanted to teach but find it really is a hard life. One has to be so careful as one never knows how even her most innocent actions are going to be misinterpreted by the neighborhood. I've never had any serious trouble but many well-meaning teachers find themselves in some dilemma before they know where they are at fault.

Nettie Hudson, Deepwater, Missouri, I've found no "cure" for whispering although I think little extra tasks given to the offender helps. I am convinced that a child, if he is just the average, will whisper some.

Sunny Wright, I enjoyed the little home-out-west poem more than I can tell you and it now rests in my scrapbook. I have quite a number of poems in my book and am trying to find the two containing these lines:

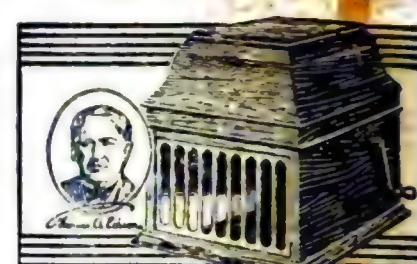
"On a cross beam under the old south bell,  
The nest of a pigeon is bulidled well,"

and

"It's a lot of fun in summer,  
A-bringing home the cows."

Peggy of Port Huron, you've said just how to manage the "man." I have no man but I believe the Sunday Smiles would cheer the grumbler and one need never get into the rut of showing no affection.

This is my first visit so I'll step out of the way



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and let some worthier sister come in. But since home husband and children are the leading subjects in the circle I will send from my scrapbook a true-to-life verse. Hope you like it.

## Man of Mine

"The world knows not the heart of you.

As I do, man of mine.

It sees you quiet, stern and true,

I know you, tender, true.

O man of mine!

To others you are gruff and cold,

To me, oh man of mine,

You are the lover as of old,

Changed not by fickle time,

O man of mine!

We've lived together many years,

We two, O man of mine,

With many smiles, with many tears,

But hearts like Silver Pine,

O man of mine."

—Betty Forde.

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GOOD MORNING MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:

I say Hurrah for we are to have a Sisters' pin and I'll order a dozen and give eleven of them to that many shut-in sisters. Who could feel any prouder of the greatest lodge pin than we would feel of "our" pin? At every glance we could think of a united Club of loving sisters wherever COMFORT finds a monthly rest. I think it is a wonderful idea.

First let me give a description of myself before I proceed with the letter.

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**Comfort's League of Cousins**  
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"The name is baffling in its strange and incongruous consonantal combinations, Uncle Lisha," he said to me today, rubbing his head in a discouraged manner against my bookcase. "There is a tinge of Welsh amid the more musical Aryan syllables of the first name. This would lead one to believe this cousin is not entirely Oriental in ancestry and that he or she was not born in either Russia or the Far East." I told Billy, who seemed to need some encouragement and bolstering, that I felt certain he was right in thinking you were not a native of any part of the East. Cfoofj, you old Bolshevik, you have got Billy completely baffled and his brain is going around in circles. If none of the cousins is quicker-witted than Bill in discovering your true whereabouts, I predict there will be few cotton seeds arriving for you at the little post office of Njumps—to blossom later on amid the snows of the vast steppes of Op. Eblpub. I have just further worried Billy by telling him I feel certain that Njumps is a part of the Tshou province of southeastern Op. Eblpub, not far from the village of Hxjoojs. At which Bill threw a pile of three dictionaries in a corner and exclaimed: "This is only more of your absurd frivolity, Uncle Lisha. You know very well that I am endeavoring to approach this problem in a scientific attitude and as a geographer and student of anthropology." Poor Bill! You really ought to write to him, Cfoofj, and set his mind at rest.

SOMEWHERE IN THE WEST.

DEAR UNCLE LISHA:

I want to write a few words to your department. I have read the letter of our Indian cousin, Marcial Davis, and I want to say he is making a bad mistake. He says the young man who goes West to see things wild and woolly will be disappointed, but he is sure wrong about this. Say, Brother Davis, how about the Indian uprising in the "Four Corners country" the past summer of 1921? The "Four Corners country" is where Utah, Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona all join. And here lately there has been a lot of cattle rustling down on the border that keeps ranch owners and cowboys on the job. The West isn't dead yet, Cousin Davis, and never will be as long as the world stands and there are people in it. There are plenty of "two gun" men yet. Holdups are not uncommon and it is not unusual for men to pass out with their boots on. I guess that leg whiskey has stopped quite a lot of killing, but just slip across the border into Mexico, Cousin Davis, and you will see enough drinking and shooting to last you a while. The West will always have its cattle and cowboys, as a big part of the land cannot be put to any other use.

Well, this will be all for this time. I hope you will print this so COMFORT readers can get a better idea of the West. I hope Brother Davis will visit some of the big roundups and "rodeos" and he will learn a lot about the real West.

Sincerely, A WESTERN COUSIN.

Well, Western Cousin, your letter will remove a great weight from the hearts of Eastern pale-faces who are dreaming of the wild and woolly West and yet who have been led to believe that the only wild things left in the West are prairie dogs and the only woolly articles the inhabitants of sheep ranches. It is true you have unkindly concealed your place of residence so that Cousin Davis or adventurous Eastern nephews of mine will not know exactly where to start for in order to hear the bullets whistle, but I suppose it would be the best course to take a stand down on one of those Four Corners you mention and just wait for things to happen quick. Here in the East one might stand on a corner for three-score and ten years without gaining the reward of dying with one's boots on, but on the corners you write about, Western Cousin, it is easy to see that an honorable obituary would soon be in order and no empty boots would be left for waiting relatives. I hope they keep a sheriff or two as traffic cops down on these busy corners to handle the crowds and keep the bullets going straight.

But seriously, Western Cousin, I think you are right in arguing that as long as a "cattle country" exists the oldtime traditions (a mild term!) of the West will endure and its inhabitants occasionally or often depart feet first. But the fact remains that this cattle country is getting more circumscribed each year and we have to rely more and more upon the border conditions of the land "down by the Rio Grande" to keep up the order of the old West and a gun in each hand. In Cousin Marcial's Montana country, as well as in your Southwest, big industry in the way of various mining projects have largely changed the main conditions of gaining a livelihood, but I am sure that Cousin Marcial will be glad to hear that by taking a little walk before breakfast down into Mexico, he can get some excitement to remind him of the old times and furnish him with a breakfast appetite. I do not want to see the old West go, Western Cousin, and so your letter pleased me, but I am going to watch out and keep my gun loose in its holster when, at any future time, I may be standing on the corner of either Utah, Colorado, New Mexico or Arizona. I regret to say that Billy regarded your letter with scorn. "Huh," he grunted, "there are plenty of 'two gun' men right here in Brooklyn. Did you read last night's evening papers, Uncle? Why, there were seventeen men in Greater New York who died yesterday with their boots on—and not all of 'em were standing on corners, either." But Billy likes to act superior and pretend that nothing can surprise him. But don't mind him, Western Cousin; I'll look out for him. Write us again and tell about the last time you rode in a rodeo.

HATFIELD, ARKANSAS.

DEAR UNCLE LISHA:

Can I please come in a few minutes again? I wish to tell the cousins I have moved from Bates to Hatfield—which is about ninety miles south of my old home. I live now on a forty acre farm by a big ranch. I never did live on a farm so large before. This is surely a pretty country; you can see big farms all around and the mountains are high above us. There are five different ones around here: one is Rich Mountain, another Backbone and a third is called Eightstep. I forget the names of the others. It sure looks lonesome when I look so far across the mountains and see the hotel way off on Rich Mountain. There are just lots of fruit here of all kinds—grapes, peaches, pears, apples, plums, strawberries, cherries, etc.

We live four miles from Hatfield and it is really a big town, with eleven stores; besides the drug store, bank, eight shops, etc. Come down here, Cousins, and bring Uncle Lisha with you to see me. You can all help me eat the fruit here next year.

Uncle Lisha, I made a mistake and sent you the wrong news to COMFORT last April. I am not stone deaf. I can hear everything but talking, and I can read lips so well that it is the same as if I could hear talking. I received lots of nice letters from cousins all over the country. I am certainly sorry I could not answer them all as they were too many for one to care for. I found two of my real cousins that I have never seen. I am surely thankful I wrote to COMFORT and found so many friends.

I live in a country where there are many kinds of wild animals around in the mountains. We don't have any church or Sunday school here and I sure miss it. But we have parties every Saturday night. I do not attend these, nor dances either.

Isn't it fun to be in the country where you can have all your good times at home, and stroll over the meadows and through the lanes as free as a bird in spring? Please don't let Billy get this, Uncle Lisha, and I will close with best wishes and love to you and all the cousins.

Your devoted niece, DELLA GRACE TOLLESON.

We are all mighty glad to get word of you again, Della, and to hear of your new home down among the Arkansas mountains of plums and strawberries. I see you have moved near a big and astoundingly interesting town. I should very much like to see a place like Hatfield built as you say it is "with eleven stores," and with a few scattering outlying banks and drugstores out-

side-of the main building. In New York, with our subways and tunnels, the city has really grown to be two or three stories in height, but I think it will be many years before we can expect to reach the number of stories you have in your new home town. Still it must be inconvenient in some ways, Della. Suppose one of your farmer neighbors has a team to take to a blacksmith who has an anvil-office on the ninth story of Hatfield. This would offer difficulties. But I suppose when they built the town on this plan they installed a good system of passenger and freight elevators. Probably, although you do not say, each story of the town is called a street, and you have First Street, Third Street, Eleventh Street, and so on. There ought to be a fine view of Eight-step Mountain for the people who reside on Eighth Street in Hatfield, Della. When I come to Arkansas I shall really be more interested to see this big village building than I shall be in helping eat up the season's crop of apples and peaches. However, I promise you I can do my share at this, and if Billy comes along he will be a great aid in preventing any of the fruit harvest being wasted.

I think it is rather disgraceful, Della, that they have not been able to find room for a church on any of Hatfield's eleven stories. I think your town ought to have a place of public worship, even if it has to be built outside of your municipal building. Perhaps folks thought it would be inconvenient to find an opening for the church steeple, but this could have been arranged by having the church on the top story and then the steeple would have had loads of room and could have gone up as high as it liked. The next time you write I hope you will be able to tell us something has been done about this.

You did not say anything in this letter about your father, the doctor, Della. Did he end up by having everybody in Bates so healthy that he had to start off to find a section of Arkansas that needed more curing? If your father is wise he will open an office on the first floor of Hatfield, and then when he wishes to call on his patients he can leave his car in the garage and just take the elevator for Ninth or Eleventh Street.

I am glad you found so many family cousins and COMFORT family cousins through having written your April letter, Della. There is a big and happy crowd of us, and we are growing bigger all the while. No eleven-story building could house us, I assure you, unless perhaps each story of it covered eleven hundred acres and was eleven feet high.

DAVIS CREEK, CALIFORNIA.

DEAR UNCLE LISHA:

I am a girl thirteen years of age and in the eighth grade at school. I live on a little farm near Davis Creek. I have a pony named Ribbon and I ride him after the cows. Neva is my chum, and we visit each other and ride horses lots. We fix our hair in puffs and wear ribbons on our hair. I have two sisters and three brothers, but I am the youngest of all. This is my first letter to COMFORT and I hope to see it in print.

Your niece, CRYSTAL WEBB.

Crystal, it must be a sight to see you full of ribbons on Ribbon's back chasing wild cows along the bank of Davis Creek. I hope you have your pony's mane nicely puffed, too,—so that only the tips of his little ears stick out like bits of ribbon. Cows that are driven home in this gay style should be very proud, and should show their appreciation by putting ten or fifteen extra quarts of milk in the pail. I hope that Neva makes you a "puffetty" good chum, Crystal, and that you enjoy your ribboned rides together. Billy, who must have his joke, says he doesn't see how you can "ride horses lots" as you say you do. He says it must take a pretty big saddle to cover a five-acre field, and that he never saw a horse lot—or even a cow pasture—that moved very fast.

There are many Eastern cousins, Crystal, who have written saying they wished they could go West and be cowgirls. When they read your letter they will see that chasing lady cows is an interesting and decorative job. I hope you won't get all puffed up over my praise, Crystal, but I'll say it's clear that as a cowgirl you take both the bun and the blue ribbon!

HAMILTON, KANSAS.

DEAR UNCLE LISHA:

I suppose I must describe myself as nearly all the cousins do. So here goes: I am twenty-two years of age, am five feet, six inches tall and I weigh 225 pounds. I have dark hair and blue eyes. I also wear a triple coat of tan. We are subscribers and readers of COMFORT. I am always interested in the cousins' letters and also in the fancy work department—as I do quite a bit of crochet work.

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**The Busybody**

By John A. Pensaw

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EVERY community has its busybody, someone who is always trying to find out other people's business instead of minding his own. Quite as likely it may be a she that is prying into the private affairs of other folks and probably gossiping about them.

These people may be very mannerly, but little do they realize that hunting news is a bad habit which shows lack of good breeding.

If you have this habit try to overcome it, because in some people's estimation you are not rated very high.

There are all kinds of busybodies. Here are some of the most prominent.

The city block generally has several of this kind, viz: Women who spend most of their time running about gathering news, first from one neighbor then another. They also sit outdoors at a parlor window so as to miss nothing that goes on. They are particularly interested when some new family moves into the block, and are very anxious to see what kind of furniture they have. They perform the same tactics when a funeral is taking place in the block. At night when sitting outdoors these people must rubber-neck when they see a light in a neighboring window.

The suburbs have the same kind of busybodies. In the country it is a little different. Everyone gathers at the general store, and here is where one goes to hunt news.

Where you earn your living there are busybodies, people who like to find out how much you earn and where you spend all your money.

If these people would mind their business they would save the company money. In hunting news they waste their own time and interfere with the work of others.

In our churches, lodges, social clubs and gatherings we have busybodies. People who only attend to see how much they can find out about the other persons present.

There is also the family busybody who likes to know how much you paid for this or that, and a lot of other detail.

Some people use their children to collect news for them. Don't teach your child to be a busybody.

There are many other kinds of busybodies too numerous to mention.

Perhaps the busybody cannot be convinced that he is a busybody, even though most frequently mentioned as the person to be seen if any news of a local or personal nature is wanted.

We hear this very often: "Go ask So-and-so; he or she always knows what is going on."

Still others realize that they are busybodies, and yet they make no effort to mend their ways.

We all like to know the news—it may be interesting, but generally it is none of our business.

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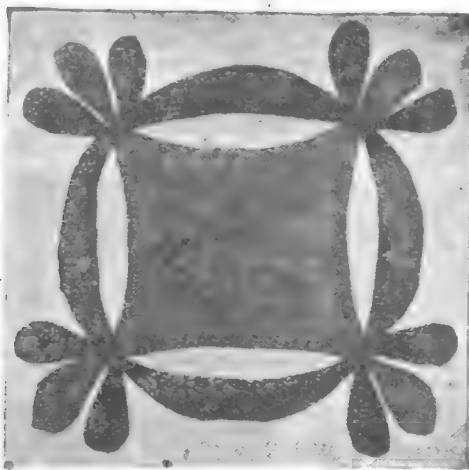
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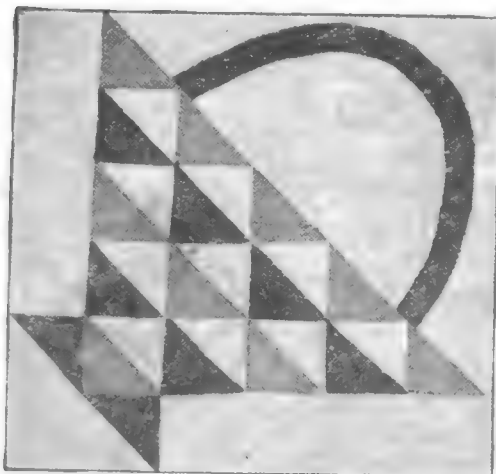
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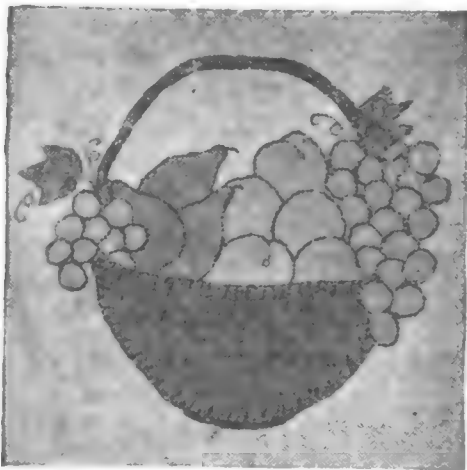
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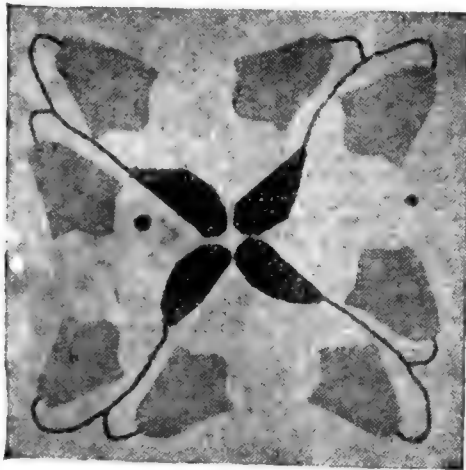
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## Fascinating Work for the Modern Needlewoman

**A**LTHOUGH exposed for over a century to the competition with machine-made quilts and bedspreads, the making of quilts is one of the few fireside handicrafts which has not vanished.

This seems to be principally because making patchwork has always held a strong place in the affections of the truly domestic type of women, the sort with whom the home always comes first, from youth through to old age.

The fashion which has prevailed for many years of dressing beds all in white was the cause of patched and pieced quilts having a decline in favor, but it also served the old art a good turn, by keeping many exquisite examples of handwork from hard wear.

Now these beautiful old quilts are proving to be such an incentive to modern needlewomen, that in our cities as well as in smaller places and rural communities more home-made quilts are being made than before.

Anyone who has a genuine old heirloom in the family is considered very fortunate in these days, when the old-fashioned quilts are the new fashion in quilts, and the lovely old relics of grandmother's time are again coming into their own.

Many of these old quilts measure three or more yards square, generous proportions being necessary to amply cover the heaped-up feather beds. Now, under such different conditions, the smaller sizes needed require correspondingly less work.

As an occupation or a spare-time recreation patchwork and patchwork applique is steadily increasing in popularity.

Women who constantly engage in either one or another sort of fancy work evidently have tired a bit of knitting after providing for the boys in service so faithfully, so naturally welcome a change.

As an art patchwork of any sort is something which is not at all difficult to do, but it does require time, patience and neatness.

In its very simplest form, that of piecing, a knowledge of plain sewing only is necessary. The work, however, can be just as simple or as complicated as one wishes to make it, but in either case usefulness and beauty are combined, with the advantage of giving to the worker the self-approval of the industrious.

For those who take up patchwork, and especially quilt making, there is already practically no limit to the beautiful designs which can be copied if one has not the gift of originality.

Often a very simple design by being repeated makes a most effective whole. A good example of this is the "Fruit Basket" shown in our first column. On an old quilt made over 90 years ago this much favored pattern appears, having six rows of baskets on either side with the handles turned toward the center. The border was of light and dark half squares like the row forming the base of the basket, and the edge of six-inch white squares.

This quilt was most beautifully quilted in the shell pattern.

"The Tree of Paradise" or "Temperance Tree," which originated in Indiana or thereabouts a century ago is another pattern which is particularly good to repeat.

"The Double Tulip or Bouquet" patchwork shown in No. 9 is another old favorite. Four blocks are joined with the stems coming together in the center, then these larger blocks are set together to form the quilt.

"The Soul Knot" and "Pine Burr" are two other old designs, made up of red and green combined with white, which are a little more intricate, the first being a patched or applique pattern and the second one pieced.

Although old quilts are made up of two patterns alternating, perhaps a patched and a pieced one, or often a quilt is formed of a combination of blocks the same in size but all varying in design. Many curious effects were obtained in this way.

In the present hand-made coverlets the interlining, lining and quilting are more often than not omitted. When a lining is used however it is usually of white cotton, and may be in one piece or made up of smaller pieces joined together. The quilt, to quote the usual old expression, is now "ready for the frames."

In earlier days, of course, quilting frames were very common. In its usual simple construction it consisted of four narrow pieces of wood, two somewhat longer than a quilt and two shorter for the width, with holes bored in the ends of each piece.

These pieces were then made into an oblong frame by fastening the corners with bolts or

wooden pegs, and when in use usually rested upon the backs of chairs.

As but few modern quilt makers have these or would undertake the task of quilting, we will not touch on this part of the work, which is really a subject in itself. It is, however, interesting to know that patchwork has become so popular and the desire for copies of old quilts

natural in coloring as possible. No. 16 has a basket of black chain-stitching and outlining, blossoms of lavender, blue, pink and yellow, outlined with black.

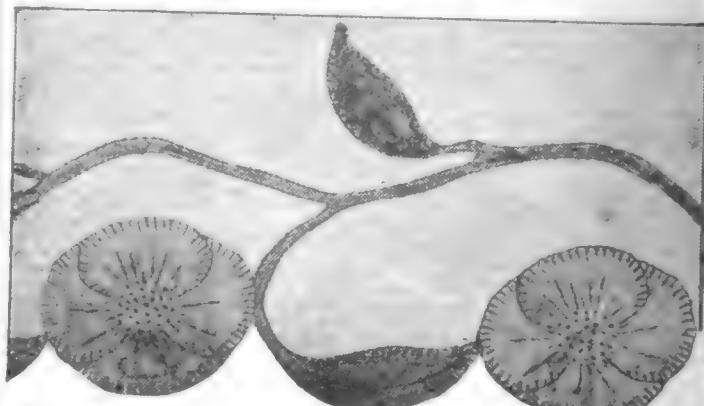
No. 8 is a very realistic design, which should be copied in natural colors.

No. 5 is a particularly graceful pattern, bells are blue, leaves green and outlining black.

No. 6 is an original pieced block. Moon yellow on blue square border, yellow and white.

No. 7, No. 13 and No. 15 are new floral designs. The first has blue for background center daisy is laid over green leaves and the centers are yellow. This idea could be worked out for a child's crib quilt very attractively.

Use blue cotton flannel for foundation, apply daisies to center and border with the half daisies. The other two designs are particularly good, the graceful cherry spray having green leaves, stem and black cherries, while the green, both being on a



This graceful pattern of poppies and leaves illustrates a popular new way of finishing edges of scarfs, table covers and curtains with applique in colors. Original design submitted by Kathryn Homer, Ohio.

so great that there is a premium on the art of quilting. This is because there are so few needlewomen really capable of doing this fine work. Perfect quilting requires patience and much practice. It is usually paid for by the number of spools of cotton used. The price, which always was \$1.00 a spool, has now advanced, and in some localities is as much as \$5.00 a spool, as there is such a demand for expert workers.

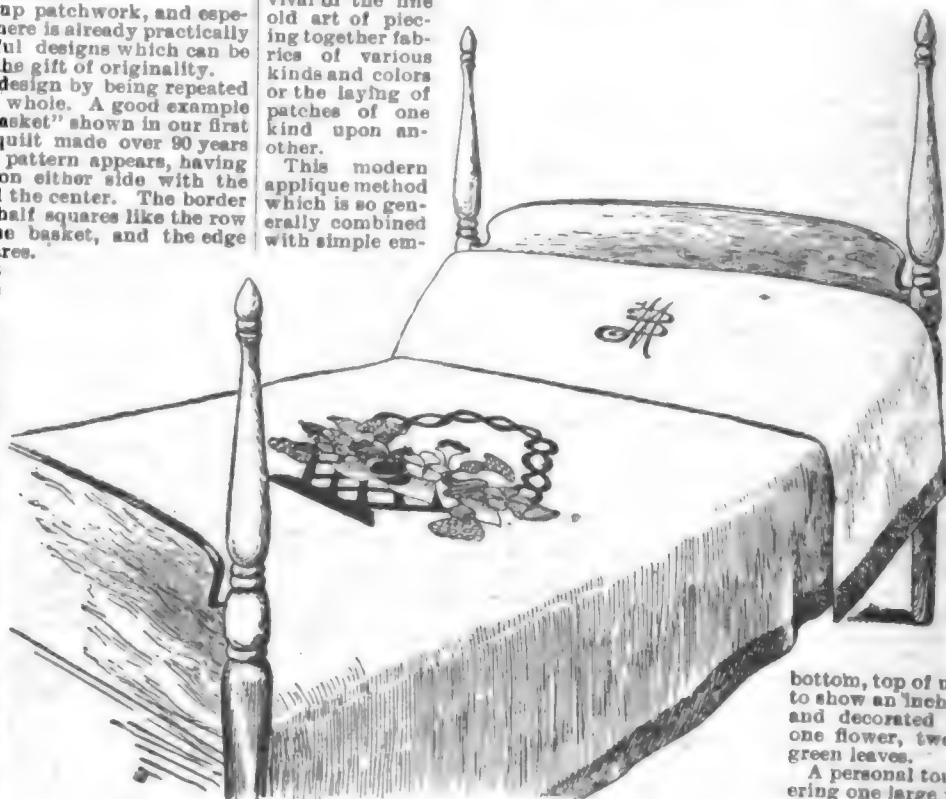
Enthusiasts who have spent weeks and perhaps months doing their piecing have sometimes to wait a year before their quilting can be done.

## Modern Quilts

The most popular form of this new fad for quilt making is the patchwork or applique

method, the revival of the fine old art of piecing together fabrics of various kinds and colors or the laying of patches of one kind upon another.

This modern applique method which is so generally combined with simple em-



BEDSPREAD AND SHAM DESIGNED BY MRS. L. A. VERNON.

broidery stitches offers the widest possible opportunities in its adaptability for almost every sort of decoration.

A bit of it composed of bright colors adds an individual touch and is especially in keeping in rooms with old-fashioned furniture.

Among the original designs submitted by COMFORT readers in our contest No. 4, No. 5, No. 6, No. 7, No. 8, No. 11, No. 13, No. 14, No. 15 and No. 16 illustrate the tendencies of modern work. These patterns are all particularly good in outline, pleasing in color combination and prove beyond a doubt that our women are still as original and apt in utilizing materials at hand as were their grandmothers.

Designs No. 4 and No. 16 are motifs which can be put to numberless uses, baskets being very popular for pillows, scarf ends, chair backs, etc.

In No. 4 the basket is tan color worked with black, the grapes, pears, plums and peaches as

cherry is of red and white background.

No. 14 is an unusually attractive whole secured by repeating one simple pattern, that of a horn.

This is used four times of four different colors applied with mercerized cotton of the same shade, in satin stitch. Fine buttonhole stitch could be substituted if one desired without affecting the design as a whole.

## Applique Chamber Decorations

Bedroom sets are very popular as they are so practical, pretty and easy to make although the various articles are large in size.

The ivory tone background given by using unbleached cotton is most desirable, and the effect pleasing combined with the various colors used for leaves and blossoms.

The bed-set illustrated this month is the work of our First Prize Winner, Mrs. Vernon.

The quaint tall-handled basket which decorates the center of the spread or coverlet is of black, narrow bias bands being used. This is in striking contrast to the cream background and tends to make the gay blossoms and leaves stand out very vividly.

A three-inch double hem of pink chambray finishes this and the ends of the pillow-sham, the bureau scarf ends, edge of table cover and bottom of curtain and valance.

The blossoms alone are used across the ends of scarf and curtains, arranged in a trailing vine of flowers, while the basket appears on the sofa pillow and cushion back of rocker. A very pretty pincushion has a pink

bottom, top of unbleached enough smaller to show an inch of the pink all around, and decorated through the center with one flower, two buds and a few small green leaves.

A personal touch is gained by embroidering one large initial on each side of the sham over the center of each pillow, or if preferred a monogram may be used in the center of the sham.

Also on the center front of the bureau scarf, just above the hem, a smaller monogram is frequently used.

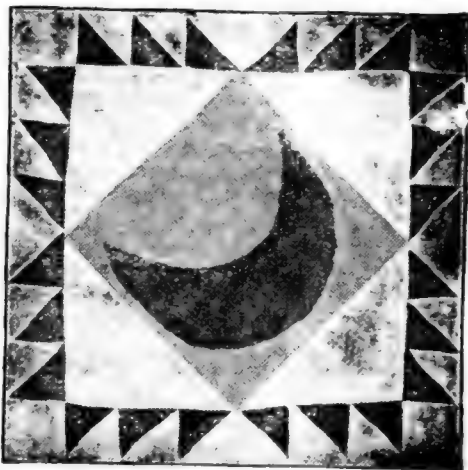
This modern applique which is so generally combined with embroidery stitches offers the widest possibilities for every kind of decoration.

It offers a suitable field for the display of artistic ability in the planning of runners for the breakfast or tea table, luncheon sets, tray covers, towels, curtains and scarfs.

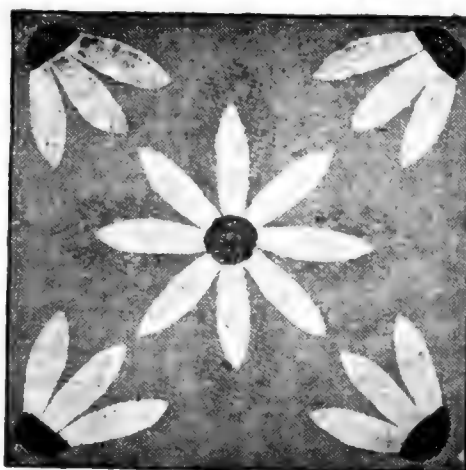
All such articles which are designed for household use require decorations which will stand up well under wear and of a form which does not require endless fine stitches to accomplish an attractive effect.

The use of black in a decorative way is much employed on household articles. The suggestion may not seem an attractive one, but it works out well.

A little black skillfully employed, as in Mrs.



NO. 6. CRESCENT MOON.  
MRS. F. L. CADLOCK, KANS.



NO. 7. SHASTA DAISY.  
MISS EDNA R. WURZBACH, TEXAS.



NO. 8. BUNCH OF GRAPES.  
MISS ELLEN RICHCREK, VA.



# Work Finished in Applique Embroidery

Vernon's work, tends to make the whole design stand out more vividly, and adds richness. Scarfs and pillows are finished with black satin bands, while entire black table covers and pillow tops are very pretty decorated with a few bright poses.

Another advantage of this material for a background is the fact that it will fit in harmoniously almost anywhere.

## An Unusual Library Set

A novel and very uncommon set which will give distinction to any simply furnished living room or library, offers one a good opportunity to employ black effectively as part of the decorative scheme.

For this purpose the best material to use for the various pieces is either a coarse natural tone Russian crash or a heavy linen, as either of these materials are very durable and the soft neutral tone background serves well to set off the vivid bits of cotton employed in the decorations.

At first thought the idea of employing black somewhat generously seems rather a daring one, yet when properly used the result is most attractive and helps greatly in developing an effect, which as a whole one is not likely to tire of.

A table scarf, sofa pillows, chair backs, a desk set, book covers, book ends and a telephone pad are all articles which offer an opportunity for exercising the present fancy for applique.

One will have to be guided in the size and shape of these various articles by individual requirements, but general suggestions can be given for their decoration.

For the principal design for the larger pieces of a library set either a basket, a jar filled with flowers or a bouquet tied with a ribbon could be used. In a basket design either bands of black bias may be employed as in the one here shown, or the lattice work of the basket may be of black outlining or chain stitching.

colors, flowers, buds and green leaves, suggestions for which will be found in the different designs on these pages.

Work in the black by adding three-inch hems of sateen or linen to the ends of the scarfs, finish the sides by rolling narrow hems and hold in place with black French knots or cross-stitching.

This makes a very pleasing finish and tends to

double and is applied like a hem rather than being used as a facing.

The napkins are made to match, measuring 12x12 inches, one dainty bud being used to decorate a corner of each, as shown.

The decorations in the corners of the cloth are of bright colors selected to give life to the design as a whole.

These should include light and dark yellows, orange, three shades of rose, two or three of blue and a lilac or violet.

The arrangement of the colors may well be left to the taste or fancy of the maker, always remembering to work for a harmonious effect, as a whole.

The set illustrated is particularly good for common use as it combines the virtues of durability, simplicity and good looks.

Similar sets featuring colored applique may be finished with either tatted or crocheted edges, either of the following being narrow and particularly suitable.



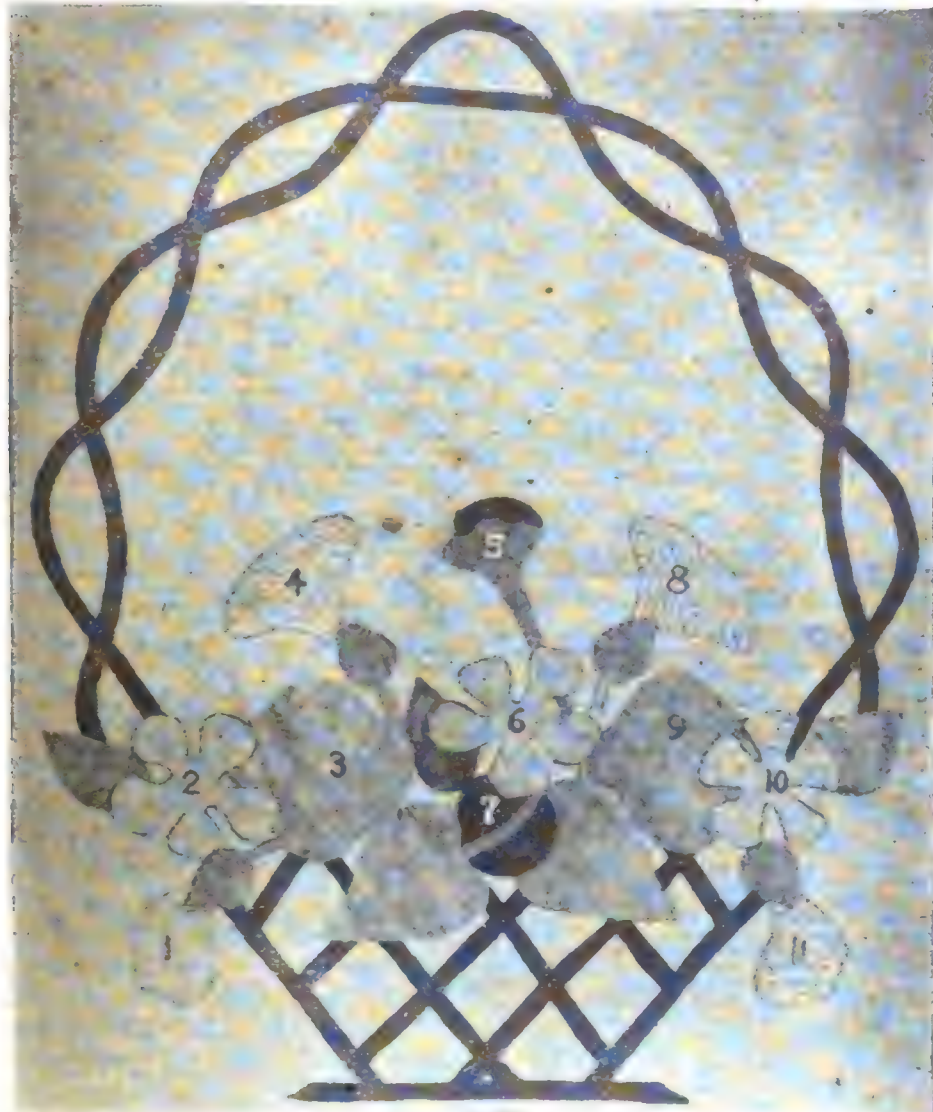
LINGERIE OR GENTLEMAN'S SHIRT CASE. DESIGNED BY MRS. LIDA SHANKLIN, TEXAS.

connect or hold together the black used on the ends.

Pillows now are of all shapes. In making square or oblong ones for this set end bands or entire borders of black may be used. A round one completely of black, finished with the blossoms in the center is very handsome.

Black may also be employed for book covers and ends.

If the work is carefully and neatly done, one



Detail of Basket Design on Bedspread.—A very quaint old-fashioned effect is obtained by selecting finely figured cottons in different colors for the buds and blossoms. The color scheme in the work illustrated follows, but this combination could of course easily be changed to suit one's individual taste and requirement: No. 1, lavender bud; No. 2, pink; No. 3, medium blue; yellow French knots in center; No. 4, lavender; No. 5, green buds tipped with orange; No. 6, lavender; No. 7, yellow; black French knots in center; No. 8, light blue; No. 9, old pink; yellow French knots in center; No. 10, medium blue; No. 11, pink bud. Designed by Mrs. Vernon.

A bowl or jardiniere employed in a design, similar perhaps to the one in the sofa pillow by Mrs. Creech illustrated in January COMFORT, may be of a good yellow or golden brown tone. If a bouquet is preferred an attractive addition is a ribbon bow effect, made by using bias bands of cotton of two shades, to simulate a two-tone ribbon.

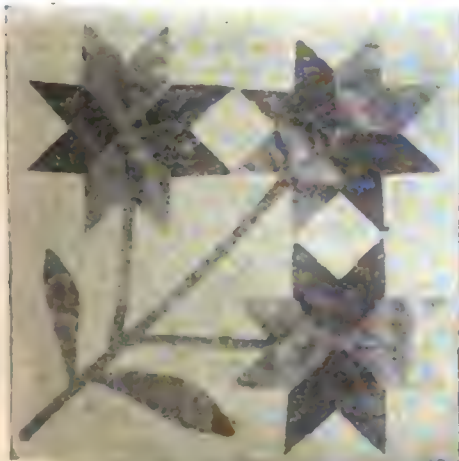
In either case there is an array of brilliant

cannot fail to secure a beautiful effect in decorations of this sort.

## A Dainty Luncheon Set

(For illustration see page 29.)

This table set is as practical as it is pretty. For its foundation cross-barred dimity was selected and finished with a three-inch band of fadeless Peter Pan cloth in old rose. This is



NO. 9. THE DOUBLE TULIP OR BOUQUET. MRS. MACOM PAULK, GA.



NO. 10. PINE BURR. MRS. M. E. COLLINS, OREGON.



NO. 11. MOON AND STARS. MRS. MAT LOONEY, ARK.



NO. 12. TREE OF PARADISE. IDA L. SOUTHWARD.



NO. 16. FLOWER BASKET. MISS IDA SMITH, N. C.



NO. 15. CHRYSANTHEMUM. MRS. A. E. STRICKLAND, MISS.



NO. 14. HUNTER'S HORNS. MISS MAUDIE SARGENT, ALA.



NO. 13. WILD CHERRIES. MRS. EMMIE SMITH, ARK.

## Edging No. 3

Ch 9 after completing first row, sl st to form ring, ch 1, 2 s c in ring, 1 p of ch 4, 2 s c, 1 p, 2 s c, 1 p, 2 s c.

This fills first ring, 1 s c around stem to close, 1 s c in next 9 sts of first row, ch 9, join in ring with sl st. Half fill this ring with 2 s c, 1 p, 2 s c, 1 p, 1 s c, ch 12, fasten with sl st in top of finished ring.

When slip stitching, remove hook from work and insert it where chain is to be joined, pick up dropped loop and draw it through. This makes a much neater joining and avoids turning.

Over the ch 12 work 2 s c, 4 p with 2 s c between and finish with 2 s c. Now finish the second half of the ring last made, 1 s c around stem to close securely and repeat pattern. Pull into shape and press over Turkish towel. This pattern is also handsome for edging scrim or muslin curtains.

## Old Quilt Patterns

To go back now to the subject of patchwork again and especially the old original designs it is most interesting to note how popular rose patterns were. The "Rose of Sharon" was a favorite and beautiful pattern, usually developed of yellow, green and red calico hemmed onto white.

In the middle of the last century the "Confederate Rose" and the "Rose of Dixie" were far famed. Then in the new West originated the "Hargate Rose" and the "Prairie Rose," patterns which vied successfully with the older "Whig Rose," "Democrat Rose" and the old "Rose of Lemoine," which was very graceful and beautiful.

Almost as popular as the rose were the rosebud, the poppy, the lily and the tulip.

Patterns which were named for birds and animals were almost as popular as those for the flowers as the following but partial list shows:

"Bluebird,"	"Bear's Paw,"
"Chimney Swallows,"	"Flying Bat,"
"Dove in the Window,"	"Leap Frog,"
"Wild Goose Chase,"	"Puss in Corner,"
"Duck and Ducklings,"	"Snail's Trail,"
"Goose Tracks,"	"Toad in Puddle,"
"Bird's Nest,"	"Bunnies,"

The glories of the sky were reflected in such names as "Rising Sun," of which there are many different designs, "Sunshine," "Sunburst," "Rainbow," and all the stars.

"Blazing Star,"	"Feather Star,"
"Shooting Star,"	"Cluster of Stars,"
"Star of the West,"	"Eight-Pointed Star,"
"Western Star,"	"Five-Pointed Star,"
"Rolling Star,"	"Flying Star,"
"New Star,"	"Union Star,"
"Evening Star,"	"Morning Star,"

Other patterns were given the name of their originators and were always known as "Mollie's Choice," "Aunt Eliza's Star," "Mother's" (CONTINUED ON PAGE 29.)





## The wonderful way I found to pay my bills

By Mrs. John Neu

I believe I am the happiest woman in the world today and sometimes I think I could cry out of sheer joy when I think of what our new prosperity has meant to all of us. And it all came about through taking up a home occupation that was as pleasant as it was profitable.

You see, my husband's slender earnings caught us with very little money on hand and we needed many things,—oh, so badly. How to get this money and still attend to my family duties I did not know until one day I happened to see an advertisement telling how I could really work at home during spare time and earn a substantial sum each week. "If this is true," I thought, "what a splendid thing it will be. I can still attend to my household duties and, by good management, find lots of spare time to earn the extra money we need."

### My Prosperity Began

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I am proud of what I have done with my Gearhart Knitter. I would not give it up for worlds. A little spare time each day—and then a substantial check from the Gearhart Company has enabled me to buy many things—clothing for myself and the children, and household things we needed so much.

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# Correcting Cross-Eyes in Infancy

By Mrs. J. W. Chamberlain

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**C**ROSS-EYES are dangerous as well as unsightly. If they are corrected the eyesight as well as the appearance is vastly improved. And according to the latest researches of specialists, there is no reason that any child should grow up cross-eyed, if properly attended to. The squinting infant generally becomes the cross-eyed man or woman, with all that means in loss of attractiveness, superstitious prejudice and, worst of all, loss of visual power.

The trouble in a large number of cases is that parents are very careless about the child's eyes and that the mother can hardly be persuaded that her little infant is "looking cross-eyed." If she continues to ignore it, dangerous results may follow, and the obliqueness of vision will become fixed, whereas it could have been remedied, and the full strength of the eye preserved, so that no one would ever guess that there had been such a tendency.

It is in line with the general tendency of prevention that infants should be carefully watched and their eyes tested for this unpleasant and costly defect.

The testing of the infant's eyes for obliquity of vision is not as easy as in older children or adults, but there are some special tests by which even the youngest child may be tried. It is difficult at times to tell which is the eye that crosses. The crossing of the eyes cannot be proved before the seventh month, as the child is learning to use its eyes during the first six months. It can see, but uses its eyes carelessly for the first few months, because it is gradually learning to use both eyes together, and get what is called "binocular vision."

We can tell when the child is using this double vision by holding up a bright object and noting whether the child directs both eyes toward it, or only one. Cross-eyes are caused either by some inequality in the eye muscles, or by fevers which have weakened these muscles, or even by convulsions, or severe frights. Heredity also plays a part, for it has been found that as many as 52 per cent. of cross-eyed children had parents with defective eye muscles.

One specialist among the eye specialists, who has made an extended study of cross-eye in infants, calls attention to the fact that in the beginning the squint is not constant. It appears toward evening, or when the child is tired. The

child seems restless and irritable. This is due to the effort which the eye muscles are making to maintain binocular vision. Then the squint becomes more frequent, and it is uncertain which eye crosses. The parent thinks that the child does it purposely and scolds the child—but in vain. At last one eye becomes permanently crossed, for the muscles have given up the task in which they should have been assisted at the right time by treatment.

When uncertain as to which eye crosses, take the child into a dark room, hold a lighted candle three feet from his eyes. He will immediately look at it, and the reflections will be plainly seen on the cornea of each eye. In the normal eye the flame will be reflected in the exact center, while in the squinting eye it will be far to one side.

The mistake made by many parents is to attempt nothing for the child until it begins to read, but it has been using its eyes under heavy strain all the time, and by that time the treatment is much more difficult, and the cure often means lifelong spectacle wearing. The most good can be done with infants. Each eye is tested separately by covering up the other. White marbles are taken, ranging in size from one-half to one and one-half inches in diameter. The largest marble is thrown on the floor with a twist to make it "break" its direction; then the next smaller, and so on until the smallest has been used. The eye of the child is watched in each experiment to see if it follows the marble. In this way the perfection of vision of each eye is tested, and then each eye is examined under a special instrument. When it has been decided which eye is the weaker, treatment follows. The specialist puts one-fourth to one-half per cent. solution of atropine in the better eye to temporarily paralyze it so that the child will be compelled to use the weaker eye, in this way strengthening the muscles by use. When the infant is a year old he may be given spectacles without any great danger if they are properly made, and in this way the weakness of the muscles of the weak eye will be overcome, and both eyes will do the work they should, and the spectacles may be abandoned.

Other exercises may follow as soon as the child can be made to understand what is required of it, and thus by proper treatment the weakness may be completely overcome and in many cases the eye-glasses can be put aside, because the eyes have become normal. But by all means call in a good eye specialist if you note the least indication on your child's part to squint or "cross" his eyes.

### Comfort's League of Cousins

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 21.)

I live on a farm of 220 acres, and I think it is a country farm. I should dislike to think that it was a city (or even a small town) farm. Most of our land lies on a slope, as this is a hilly country, and also very rocky. The wind blows most all of the while from the southwest. Sometimes we have a north wind, but not very often and not of very long endurance.

I am the youngest of a family of twelve. I have four brothers and five sisters living, all of whom are married. I have twenty-five nephews and nieces. My father is real old, and so "lets" his land to the neighbors and they farm it for a percentage of the grain.

Now, Uncle, you will be sure and say something about my size. I know. But truly I am not to blame. I never eat soft gingerbread, although I can make it and bake it most beautifully. I also never eat fat meat nor Jamaica molasses. So, Dearest Uncle, what must I do to reduce? I am quite an optimist and a great one to laugh. I take life, and nearly everything connected with it as a joke. I am sure I would be real fond of Billy if I had half a chance. I imagine he must be some relation to my guinea pigs, as they seem to be fond of the same things—such as hay, grass and horse weeds. If Billy would come out here for his vacation he could sleep in a guinea pig hutch every night. Uncle, what kind of a hutch do you keep Billy in? I hope you will not let him eat this.

Your loving niece, DORA V. KESTER.

No, no, Dora; soft gingerbread will not make anyone fat. Why, I have eaten acres of the delicious substance and am still as charmingly thin as Bill Turpin. The real difficulty, Dora V., is that you take altogether too much laughter every day. You admit to being a great consumer of jokes, and chuckles. These things are the surest sort of pound producers. You must begin at once to put yourself on a scowl diet. Eat six sour prunes before breakfast every morning. Each time you swallow a prune, scowl hard and say: "I hate prunes," in a firm, deep voice. Take two or three good-sized scowls between meals, washing them down at first with a few swallows of unsweetened lemon juice and water. Every time you feel tempted to joke or laugh, pinch yourself hard, or have someone do it for you. After being pinched, take a deep breath and scowl three times, repeating in a low, gloomy tone: "This is a hard world." After a week or two of this you will find yourself losing much of your former greedy laughing habit, and scowling will become much easier. If you do bake gingerbread, let it burn on the top and scowl as you take it out of the oven. Try breaking a few cups from your best set of china, or upsetting a dish of preserved strawberries on your pet tablecloth. These methods will aid in making your scowls taste better. If I could get Billy to agree to come out and stay with you for a month, this would be the best way in the world to get you used to a scowl diet and prove to you that life is not at all a joke. You would understand then why I am slim and graceful and do not know what "optimism" means unless I look it up in the dictionary. But you have made any scheme of a visit from Billy impossible by talking about "guinea pigs" and "hutches." Billy was much put out. I can't tell you all he said, but he went so far as to suggest that the "v" in your name stood for "Volume!"

Just now, Dora, the New York City Health Department is holding a sort of fat reducing contest. Perhaps you will feel lighter and happier to hear that one of the women contestants weighs 281 pounds and has the appropriate name of Sarah Strong. This selected squad of fat men and women are being put through a month's course of diet and exercise prescribed by the physician at the head of the Health Department. The course is not easy and includes all kinds of indoor and outdoor stunts—running, walking, and even climbing trees! If you want to know what the experts prescribe in the way of food to make the fat fly, here is one day's diet for the squad:

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Luncheon.—Clear broth; chopped onions and celery sandwich made with two slices of rye bread, pepper and a little salt, but no butter; tea or coffee with skimmed milk if desired, but no sugar; buttermilk.

Dinner.—Clear soup; chicken (roasted or broiled), do not eat skin; spinach, baked onions, and celery; two bran muffins, no butter; cottage cheese; tea or coffee with skimmed milk if desired but no sugar.

You will see that this includes Billy's favorite bran muffins—but no gingerbread! The most successful of the bran-eaters and tree-climbers has so far succeeded in making sixteen of her surplus

pounds disappear. But somehow 16 taken away from 281 seems to leave a fairly hearty remainder. Anyway, Dora, even if scowls and bran fail to reduce your Volume, you can take my word for it that it's worth being a heavy-weight if you can have a light heart and laugh often. The laughers are usually fat because they get the cream out of life—and cream is fattening stuff which scowls only make sour!

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DEAR UNCLE LISHA: Hello! Here I come for a little chat. I wonder how many will welcome me in? I am a little boy six years old. I have brown eyes and hair. I live on a farm. Mother and I live with my grandparents. I have never seen my daddy yet. He went through the Great War. He was on the front when piece was made. He has been at Washington ever since almost. I hope to see him some day.

I have two bunnies, chickens, and a pup I can drive just like a man. We have four good mules, two wagons and two fine red cows. Well, if Billy the Goat lets this pass I will right again sometime. I hope some of the cousins will write to me or send me cards.

Your little nephew, MAURICE OGLIVIE, JR.

Hello, Maurice, kick the snow off your boots and come right in! And bring the pup along, too, so he can melt the icicles from his young nose. You must remember that it's a lot colder up here in Brooklyn than down in Hartman, Arkansas. This is the time of year when Billy wears his triple-war, double-strength, camel-hair underwear and puts a pair of felt insoles in his new shoes. But then Billy's rheumatism makes him have to coddle himself a bit. Probably your little dog is tougher and can get along comfortably by growing a nice warm shirt of all-wool pup-hair. Maurice, I certainly hope you'll see your father some fine day when he gets back from Washington. You say your dad was on the front in the Great War when "piece was made." I suppose he must be staying down in Washington now helping President Harding get all the "pieces" put together again. There were a lot of pieces made during the war, Maurice, and Billy the Goat says the one who was made into the most pieces was Mr. Kaiser, formerly of Potsdam, Unter der Linden. I'll bet your dad will be delighted to see you and it's just possible he may hug and kiss you when he meets you for the first time. You must be ready for this and not be embarrassed, even if it does seem getting rather familiar on so early an acquaintance. After this ceremony is over, you can take him out and introduce him to your young doggie road horse, your bunnies, the two fine cows and—the most extraordinary of all—your "four good mules." Maurice, if you have any Golden Rule mules you have a rare variety. You will have to get your newly-acquainted daddy to present a pair of these kind and courteous mules to the National Zoological Gardens at Washington.

You say that if Billy lets this letter of yours by that you will "right" again, Maurice. Well, I hope you will stick right to this promise and will "right" us all again right soon. You will be able to tell us, perhaps, if you met your dad all right and if he was right glad to meet a brown-eyed, brown-haired junior edition of himself for the first time.

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DEAR UNCLE LISHA AND COUSINS: This is my first attempt to write and I hope Billy the Goat won't make his supper off my letter.

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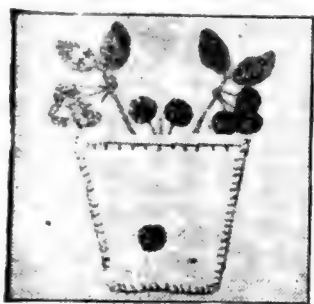
## Some Novel Uses for Applique Patches

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color in all the poppy shades placed very naturally against a green stock and leaves. The centers of the flowers and the edges were worked with black mercerized cotton. Unbleached or a lighter weight cotton may be used for the curtains as one prefers, but nothing will give better service or be any prettier than the natural creamy tone of this inexpensive sturdy.

### A Child's Slip-On

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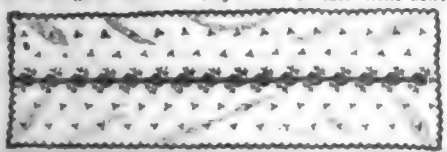
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## Stella Roosevelt

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when, she knew but too well, Josephine had learned to love him with all the fire of her proud, passionate nature.

If it had been a girl in a position equal to that which Josephine occupied whom he had chosen, the disappointment would not have been less severe, but the mortification would not have been so galling.

This was what had made Star's face so radiant, then, during the past week, making her seem to bloom into new beauty, and glorifying her with exceeding happiness. She had noticed, but could not understand it.

This was the meaning of the unusual attention which she had bestowed upon her toilet last Saturday—for Josephine had told her of that little scene upon the veranda—and also of her protracted absence that day.

For half an hour she sat there, white as alabaster with passion, her eyes glowing with hate for the innocent cause of all her disappointment.

"Not in her room, eh?" she muttered at length, vindictively. "I'll find the little vixen, and if it is possible to widen this breach, it won't be my fault if it is not done."

With a cruel expression on her still white face, she arose and swept noiselessly from the room by the same way that she had entered, and passed down the steps of the veranda out into the grounds.

Gathering her rustling skirts in her hand, she passed inside the lodge, mounted the stairs with a noiseless tread, and paused before Mr. Roosevelt's door.

Bending close to the keyhole, she heard sounds of sobbing, mingled with low, soothing words spoken by her uncle.

She softly opened the door, and standing upon the threshold, her face grew dark and wrathful at the picture which she saw within the room.

Mr. Roosevelt sat in his armchair by the table which stood between the two windows of his room, while Star knelt upon the floor at his side, her golden head bowed upon the arm of his chair, sobbing as if her heart was breaking.

The old gentleman had laid one hand upon her bright head, and was soothing it gently as he tried to quiet her with low, fond words.

"Dear child," he said, tenderly, "don't grieve so; you have been very brave so far; bear it a little longer, and all will be well. I know you have tried to hide it from me and everyone else, but I've seen and known what you have had to contend with ever since I came here. You've had no love, no sympathy, and your poor starved heart was well-nigh broken under it. But cheer up, my dear; you have been a blessing to me. I have been very lonely and forlorn many times, but I should have had a sorrowful time of it, indeed, if my bright little Star had not shed her genial rays upon my pathway."

"Indeed!" interrupted a voice from behind them, in its most sarcastic tones, causing Star to spring to her feet with a low cry of surprise, as she turned her flushed, tear-stained face toward the intruder, while Mr. Roosevelt looked up at his niece with a grave, displeased countenance.

"Indeed!" Mrs. Richards repeated, her anger waxing hotter and fiercer as she imagined that Star had been pouring the story of her love and trial into her uncle's ears. "You have both been sadly abused and heart-starved, haven't you? For a couple of dependants you fare very badly, don't you? And this is the gratitude and appreciation that you show. Stella Gladstone, go back to your room and remain there until I come to you; I wish to have a private conversation with you. As for you, Uncle Jacob, I am surprised that you should take sides with a sentimental schoolgirl against those who are providing most bountifully for her."

Mr. Roosevelt reached out his hand and took one of Star's.

"Remain where you are," he said, with a quiet authority which amazed while it enraged his niece.

Then turning to her, he continued, in the same quiet tone, but with a deliberation which made every word tell:

"Ellen Richards, you are a heartless, arrogant woman. You need not speak yet, for I am going to relieve my mind, once for all. I am your father's only brother, and when you were a child I helped him provide the very bread that appeased your hunger. When, later on, I became a rich man, and you were married and settled, you fawned upon and flattered me, protesting that there was nothing in the world that you would not do for 'dear Uncle Jacob.' Every time I returned from abroad, bringing you rich and elegant gifts, you urged me to quit my roving and come to live with you—your home and heart would always be open to me, you said. It was the same with your brother, Henry; words cost nothing, and his protestations were as fluent as your own. But when misfortune overtook me, and I returned to remain and to take him at his word, everything was changed. He received me coldly, giving me the poorest accommodations his house afforded, when before the best were none too good for me. Finally, he and his family, by their coldness, neglect and disagreeable hints, drove me to desperation, and I left them. I came hither, hoping that your woman's heart would prompt you to receive a sick and failing old man with the kindness and sympathy which he so much needed and craved. But I met with even a worse reception. You have ignored me when you could, and when you could not, you have taken pains to make me feel like an intruder and a dependant, although your husband evidently would be glad to be kind to me. If he could do so and keep the peace, this child alone, the old man continued, looking tenderly up into Star's sad face, 'has given me love and sympathy. Her kindness and little attentions have been like a bright spot in the darkness and loneliness of my life since coming to you; while your treatment of her has been culpable—'

"Has she dared to complain of me to you?" cried Mrs. Richards, crimson with anger; for every word that he had uttered had been a reproach to her, and while she did not quite dare vent her wrath upon him, she was glad of this allusion to Star, for upon her defenceless head she felt free to relieve herself.

"No," she has never complained—she has even tried to conceal your treatment of her—but I have eyes and can see for myself. I know how she has had to battle for even her education, and that you would have made a drudge and a slave of her, had you dared and your husband allowed you to do it. It is disgraceful, Ellen, for you to treat your cousin's child in such a manner, when you owe so much to her mother—'

"How do you know? Who has been telling you all this? I am all out of patience!" Mrs. Richards interrupted, passionately. "Everybody is continually throwing at me the fact that Anna Cuddeigh once saved my life. Hundreds of people have saved the lives of others and considered it their duty to have done so. If I were drowning and Anna saw me, it was natural for her—I belonged to her to save me if she could, as I should have done, no doubt, had the circumstances been reversed."

"It seems," continued Mrs. Richards, "that while going back and forth, to and from school this fall, she has been flirting in the most desperate manner with a young man—a perfect stranger to her, and one so far above her socially that it was rank presumption in her to do as she has done. She has even entrapped him into—or rather, I should say, she has misconstrued his conversation with her to mean a declaration of love for her, and now that he has found her



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# Automobile and Gas Engine Helps

Questions relating to gasoline engines and automobiles, by our subscribers, addressed to COMFORT Auto Dept., Augusta, Maine, will be answered by our expert, free, in the columns of this department. Full name and address is required, but initials only will be printed. That we may intelligently diagnose your trouble please state the year in which your car was made.

### Helpful Pointers

#### Locating Short Circuit

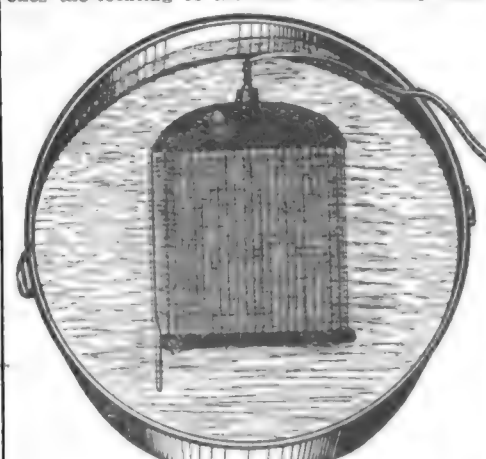
**M**ANY manufacturers at one time took a great fancy to the use of armored cable. Later developments proved that much of this material was poorly insulated and as the cable inside commenced to chafe it soon found a ground that was very difficult to locate. The external appearance may be very satisfactory, yet there may be many grounds inside that do not show up. Whenever short circuits are experienced on a car having armored cable it is well to disconnect the armored cable and stretch another cable which you know is O. K. By testing the different cables in the manner outlined it will be possible to locate the faulty cable, providing a short circuit exists in same.

#### Loose Connections

Vibration is the chief factor in the loosening of terminal nuts, bolts, etc. Regardless of how tight the nut is screwed down, the vibration keeps working at the nut and finally turns it off. Lock washers placed under the nuts will remedy the difficulty. Whenever possible to use lock washers it is advisable to do so. When the nut is turned down the lips of the washer bite into the metal and in this way insure a lasting connection. Many cars that have flickering lights have electrical connections that have been loosened by vibration.

#### Leaky Radiator

This is the season of the year when many owners find that the water in the cooling system of the motor has frozen and caused leaks in the radiator. The best way out of such a condition is to have the radiator repaired by someone who specializes in work of this kind. However, should it so happen that it is not convenient to send the radiator away or if the owner makes a practice of doing his own repair work, the first step is, of course, to locate the leaks. If they are small ones the locating of the leaks is not easily done



FINDING LEAK IN RADIATOR.

as they may be almost invisible to the eye. If the radiator be removed from the car and subjected to air pressure, the leaks are certain to show up. To accomplish this end it is first necessary to seal all the openings such as the water connections, overflow pipe, etc. Pieces of tin carefully soldered over these openings will answer the purpose well. At the radiator filler opening it is necessary to provide means for attaching an air pump. An old inner-tube valve soldered in the center of the tin will be satisfactory for this purpose. After sealing the openings as above suggested, attach a pump to the tire valve-stem, place the radiator in a tub filled with water and commence pumping. The principle is the same as in testing for leaks in an inner tube. Wherever there is a leak bubbles will rise to the surface of the water. See illustration.

#### Rim Adjustment

Making a tire change is not an enjoyable operation and the average driver is apt to use strong-arm methods without any system. I refer particularly to the tightening of the wedges which hold the rim in place on the wheel. If one will only give the matter a little thought he will understand how it is possible for a rim to run crooked on the wheel if each wedge bolt is tightened fully before taking up on the next one. The only proper way to put on a new mounted tire is to tighten one bolt slightly and then turn the wheel to the opposite bolt. Tighten this bolt a little and progress in this manner until each bolt has approximately the same tension on the rim. You next tighten the bolt to the limit, passing then to the opposite one and so on until all are securely drawn up.

#### Reverse Current Cut-Out

Cars equipped with battery and generator must provide some means for preventing the battery from discharging back through the generator when the car is standing or the generator is not being driven at a generating speed. This is accomplished by means of a device known as the reverse current cut-out. As its name implies, its purpose is to prevent the current flowing in a reverse direction. Just as the valve prevents the air from escaping from the inner tube when the pump is removed, so does the cut-out prevent the current in the storage battery from flowing back through the generator. When the generator produces sufficient current to charge the battery, the cut-out points are magnetically closed and in this manner connect the generator to the battery. However, the instant that the generator voltage drops below the counter-voltage of the battery, the cut-out points spring open and prevent any discharge back from the battery. Cases have occurred where the cut-out points would stick, and when such a condition takes place the circuit remains closed and the battery will discharge back through the generator until drained of all current. Should you find that with all switches turned off the ammeter shows a heavy discharge, it is well to immediately investigate the reverse current cut-out points as they may be sticking together and holding the circuit closed.

#### Ammeter Reading

It sometimes happens that an operator will notice his ammeter and find that it reads on the discharge side when it should be showing charge. He knows that the wires have not been changed and is therefore at a loss to account for the condition. The proper course to pursue in a case of this kind is to first make certain that the am-

meter is reading wrong. This is done by stopping the motor and turning on the lights. You then know that current is being taken out of the storage battery and the ammeter should show a discharge reading. If, however, the ammeter shows a charge reading then it is known that the instrument has changed its polarity. Some ammeters change their polarity, a condition that has never been explained to my satisfaction. The changing of the ammeter polarity does not in any way affect the electrical circuit but in case you desire that the instrument register properly you have only to change the flow of current through the instrument by taking the cables off the posts at the back of the ammeter and changing them around.

#### Starting Small Screws

It is often difficult to hold a small screw with the fingers and use a screwdriver at the same time. Especially is it difficult if the screw is to be fitted in an inaccessible place. It will be found much easier to make a loop at the end of a thin flexible wire. Make the loop approximately the same diameter as the body of the screw. By placing the screw in the loop it can be held steadily and inserted in the hole. After the threads have caught, give the wire a pull and it will straighten and leave the screw free.

#### Answers to Correspondents

**MAGNETO TROUBLE.**—Can you tell me what is the trouble with a Ford car when, in driving along, it suddenly stops although there is plenty of gasoline in the tank and the engine seems to be getting it all right? It will run on battery, but not on magneto.

A. C. E., Selfridge, N. Dak.

A.—Since you state that the car operates satisfactorily when using battery ignition, it would seem to indicate that either the magneto is not functioning properly or that the connections are such that you are unable to collect the current generated. I would first suggest an inspection of the cable leading from the magneto plug. If this is not broken, loose or shorted it will be advisable to remove the magneto plug. I have seen two types of plugs for this make of car. One incorporates a coil spring and brush. The brush may be sticking and not making contact, in need of cleaning or broken. The other type of plug has the wire coiled in spring manner and makes contact at the end. The wire may not be making contact, and in this case should be stretched a trifle. If you are unable to obtain current after following these suggestions, it would be well to have someone who is experienced on your make of car look over the magneto.

**CYLINDERS MISS WHEN RUNNING SLOWLY.**—My 1918 model Buick runs smoothly as long as it is pulling or the motor is racing, but when running idle and slowed down it hits on only one cylinder and shoots smoke from the exhaust. I have put in new rings and have ground the valves, but it did not remedy the trouble. The ignition seems to be all right. What do you advise?

A. F. VAN M., Outage, Texas.

A.—If convenient, place a pressure gauge in the spark-plug opening and while turning the motor over with the hand crank read the pressure that is developed in the cylinder. Test each cylinder separately and in this manner you will be able to determine the exact compression condition in each cylinder. If you find any cylinders that are down in compression, I would suggest attention to the valves. Recut the valve seats and reface the valves. If the valve head is warped use a new valve. After machining the parts in this manner, proceed to grind in the valves to a perfect seat. While the valve cages are out determine the amount of looseness between the valve stem and its guide. Considerable play between these parts will result in the distorting of the mixture by auxiliary air which will be drawn down the loose guide. I have known of people who have made stuffing glands that fit the top of the guide, others have bored out the guide and fitted a bushing while others have installed new cages and valves. Whichever step you decide upon, bear in mind that there must not be too much play in the intake valve guides on account of the air which will travel down them and dilute the mixture to a point where it will not ignite. This condition is usually noticed at slow motor speeds only. Make sure that the spark-plugs are clean and the plugs set at the proper distance apart. You probably have a gauge for setting them. Clean the breaker points and be sure that the two surfaces come in contact for the entire area and not in one point only. Space the break with your gauge.

**WEAK MAGNETO, ONE CYLINDER WEAK.**—My 1919 model Ford will not run with ignition coming from the magneto until the car speeds up to about 15 or 20 miles an hour. I believe the magneto is weak. If so, could I charge it with the generator that is on the car? (2) Cylinder No. 4 does not furnish as much power as any one of the others. I have changed coils, spark-plugs and timers, but it does not help this cylinder. May it be that this cylinder is not getting enough gas?

H. C. M., Pendleton, S. C.

A.—I assume that the car operates satisfactorily at slow speeds when using battery ignition, which would seem to indicate that the magneto is weak. Several issues ago I ran an article in these columns relative to the recharging of magnetos. This method called for the use of dry cells and if I remember correctly I used a cut showing where the connections should be made. I have received a few letters from readers stating that they had tried the method suggested and found it successful. Look back in your old issues for this article and cut.

The generator on the car cannot be connected up in any manner, to my knowledge, to recharge the magnetos. (2) A proper carburetor mixture is necessary for the even firing of the cylinders. However, I would suggest that you test the compression of No. 4 cylinder before taking other steps. The valves may need re-grinding or new rings may be required for the piston. Make sure that the plug in this cylinder is whole, clean and the points set to the proper gap. The spark may be weak and the timer may require cleaning, the coil vibrator adjusting, etc. The cylinder may be pumping oil and in need of new rings. If you find that the cylinder is not pumping oil, develop good compression and the spark is hot, you might try another carburetor adjustment. Mark the old adjustment so that you will be able to return to it if necessary and then try giving the motor just a trifle richer mixture. Try several adjustments and if they do not help then return to the original setting. (3) I do not believe the results you would obtain by installing a 16-valve system would warrant the expense involved. When an engineer designs a motor he endeavors to make the valves as large as possible so that the motor can take in and expel the gases as easily as possible. For ordinary passenger car service the engineer usually finds that two valves per cylinder serve the purpose very satisfactorily. However, when we turn to the racing cars you will appreciate that the motors turn over at very high rates of speeds. Sixteen valves in four-cylinder racing motors are very common and you will appreciate that the advantage gained is that the motor can take in and expel the gases very quickly, a feature that is necessary in that special class of cars, but not needed in cars designed for ordinary road travel.

**JERRY ACTION.**—Owing to an inquiry in the January number of COMFORT regarding jumping action of a 1914 Ford, and as I am an expert on Fords and a reader of COMFORT, I wish to tell this gentleman that the head of exhaust valves may be loose and yet run. I have run 80 miles with No. 3 exhaust valve stem not working. The way to test this out is to take out each plug one at a time. Take out No. 1, lay it on top of engine over plug hole, start engine, and if it still jumps put it back. Take out No. 2, and so on until all have been taken out. At the end of this operation, if you can find no relief, clean magneto plug, regulate coils, put in new flappers where worn down, regulate

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carburetor, and you have your trouble stopped; if not, your magneto fields are worn out and need rewinding, which causes a short circuit in your crank-case and missing on the magneto plug at this point.

Be sure to have timer in first-class condition, well cleaned and refilled with vaseline, before starting on this test. I hope these suggestions may prove helpful. Truly yours,

ARTHUR B. JOHNSON, Kansas City, Kans.

THANKS.—We are pleased to print the foregoing advice sent in by a reader, and we thank him for his kindness in doing so. We welcome suggestions from other readers who can help solve auto troubles.—EDITOR OF AUTO DEPT.

**ENGINE TROUBLE.**—The engine of my 1917 model Ford when driven up hill in high will shake and almost stop; at such times it sounds like a one-cylinder engine. It is four years since the valves were ground. Do you think they need grinding?

L. D. W. Va.

A.—Being denied the opportunity of looking over your car, it is impossible to state right to the point what the cause of your uneven operation might be. Test the cylinders separately for compression and if found weak then you certainly will have to grind the valves, and use new rings on the pistons if necessary, etc. You must have good compression in order to be assured of satisfactory operation. Take out the spark-plugs, clean them carefully and set the points at a gap of approximately the thickness of a thin dime. Clean the timer carefully, notice if it is worn and make sure all wires are tightly connected. You will find an article in this issue sent in by a mechanic who claims to be a Ford expert. Note what he says about testing each plug to determine if there is a hot spark. If you are certain of the mechanical condition of the motor then mark the present carburetor adjustment so that you can return to the present setting if necessary. Now change the carburetor adjustment a little at a time and note the effect on the motor. Try several adjustments first in one direction and then the other but if the operation does not improve then return to your original carburetor setting.

**NOTE.**—These columns belong to readers of COMFORT and we desire to fill them with matter that will be most beneficial to the majority. We desire to outline principles rather than to take the construction of any one make of car as an example. At different times we have printed articles on motors, clutches, transmissions, axles, universals, and, in fact, treated briefly in a descriptive way practically every assembly entering into the construction of a car. We have tried short quizzes, given news concerning current and past events, but we would now like very much to know what our readers desire most. We would appreciate very much hearing from readers of these columns as to what in their opinion would prove most helpful to the owners. In this manner we should be able to find out the information most desired by our readers, and we can of course make up our program accordingly. Let us have your cooperation in this matter.—EDITOR.







# Some Novel Uses for Applique Patches



UTILITY OR SCHOOL BAG, BY MRS. JANIE BECKER.

## Work Finished in Applique Embroidery

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 23.)

Own, "Grandmother's Dream," while localities often gave rise to a name such as

"Philadelphia Beauty," "Road to California," "Rose of Dixie," "Star of Texas," "Mexican Rose," "Kansas Trouble," "Texas Tears," "Arkansas Traveler," "Irish Puzzle," "Oklahoma Boomer,"

besides many others combined with squares, triangles, cubes, chains and circles, such as the pieced design illustrated in patterns No. 3, No. 10 and No. 12.

Applique is certainly used on almost all sorts of articles for household use and also wearing apparel. First, because dainty and attractive effects may be secured so simply and inexpen-

essary. Work these around just back of the edge, taking the stitches toward the center of the forms to avoid fulling or blistering of the different parts.

For handles a strip two by eleven inches will be needed. Fold through the center lengthwise, turn in edges and stitch, sew securely to the top of bag as shown.



White cross-barred dimity luncheon set edged with pink hems and decorated with graceful corner designs of buds and blossoms. This original work by Mrs. L. A. Vernon was awarded the first prize in our Patchwork Competition. For description see page 23.

Over this run-in line of stitches one may then either work in outline, buttonhole or satin-stitch. Chain-stitching is also used on heavier materials.

In finishing with the satin-stitch work over and over very closely, but with short stitches just covering the running stitches and the raw edge of the applique.

Buttonhole stitches should also be short, only about one-eighth of an inch, with the heading or straight edge towards the outer edge of the applique piece.

The stitches should always be at right angles to the outline and care should be taken to place them as even as possible.

### School Bags

The two school bags for children are cleverly trimmed with applique designs which make them very attractive.

Both are of khaki twill with stitched-in bottoms to increase their carrying capacity. The larger one seems to be planned especially for some little boy who loves boats.

A strip of blue cotton, chain-stitched, serves for the sea on which sails the little boat of light tan, with white sails, the mast even completed with a tiny flag which might have a star applique in the center.

On the smaller bag is a white bunny just about to nibble up the clover set so temptingly before him.

This bag requires a piece of material 15 inches wide by 27 inches long, having a selvage

Both of these bags were made and submitted by Mrs. Janie Becker, Mich.

### Pink Rose Quilt

Our illustration gives one but a vague idea of the beauty of this piece of work which was submitted by one of our southern readers.

The single block, however, shows the manner of making quite clearly, and below will also be seen one section or scallop of the edge.

In this particular piece of work three shades of rose, one green and a lemon yellow was used.

The rose, which measures six inches in diameter, has a scalloped edge and is of the three shades of pink, shading from light to dark in the center.

These are laid over each other and the edges finished with buttonholing with mercerized cotton to match, the straight kept on inside, through the work.

This gives an unusually attractive finish. In the heart of the rose the yellow follows the third pink, then an inch center of green, buttonholed with the same shade and quite completely covered with French knots of yellow.

The four leaves are shaped as shown, these and the buds being of green buttonholed with green and tipped with two medium shades of pink.

The scallops are of green overlaid with the deepest pink and the edge bound with white

ONE 18-INCH BLOCK OF PINK ROSE QUILT.



PINK ROSE QUILT, BY MRS. G. W. SEARLES, LA., SPECIAL PRIZE WINNER.

for the top of the bag if possible. The bottom insert measures five and one-quarter by eight and three-quarter inches.

and buttonholed over completely with the green, keeping the straight edge of the stitch on the inside.



FUDGE APRON, BY IRENE HARPHAM.

### Unbleached Dress and Apron

There has never been planned a more comfortable and practical pattern for a woman's house dress than the loose kimono-sleeve model which gives one their entire freedom. Now, besides being practical, we are very glad to illustrate for our readers such a dress as this which is also uncommonly pretty.

Both this and the attractive apron shown in this column are of ordinary unbleached cotton cloth. The dress has the neck, the bot-



UNBLEACHED HOUSE DRESS, BY MRS. M. E. BROWN, TENN.

sively and second because the work is so easy to do.

There are, however, a few important points to remember and one is that the material for the foundation and the applique design

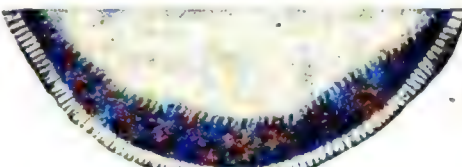
should be of equal weight or flexibility and the material to be applied especially should be of a finely woven quality which will not fray easily.

The next step in the work after the cutting is the basting which should be very accurately and carefully done to insure success.

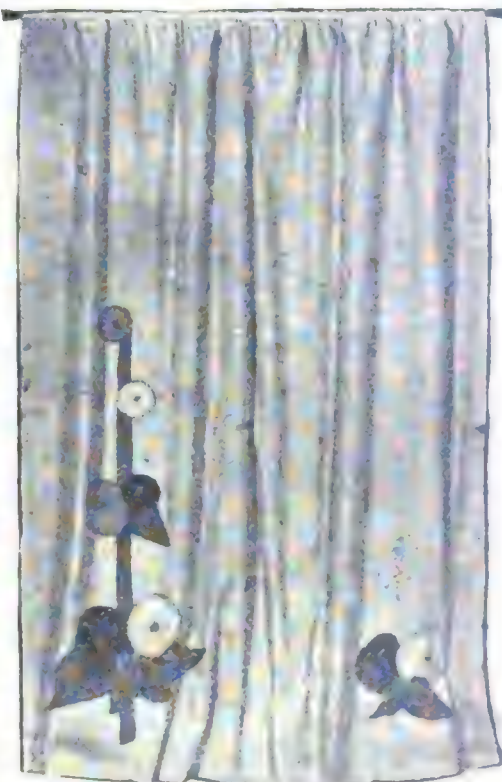
If one is decorating a large piece, such as a bedspread or table cover, only a part of the design should be basted in place at a time. If the entire piece is basted over

with the design it is very likely to get out of position and the edges of the different parts are much more apt to fray from frequent handling.

After carefully basting a section, hem down all the edges unless one is planning to use an outline stitch or otherwise finish them, then only a line of fine running stitches will be nec-



DETAIL SCALLOP OF QUILT EDGE.



NURSERY WINDOW CURTAIN, SUBMITTED BY MRS. FLOESSIE WALTER, OKLA.

tom of the sleeves, top of the pockets and end of the sash finished with a narrow binding of flannel which can be of any of the colors used in the decorative scheme. In this instance the appliques are of groups of fruit, apples, plums, pears and grapes, in natural colorings, being used combined with a pretty dark green for the leaves.

The various pieces may be felled down with cotton of the same color or black may be used for buttonholing as one prefers.

All the edges of the apron are finished with black buttonholing.

The wild rose motifs and leaves which decorate the bib, pocket and lower corner of the



THIS LITTLE SLIP-ON WAS SUBMITTED BY MRS. WILLIAM SOMERS, OKLA.

apron are also applique in this way, the contrast giving a very smart effect to the garment as a whole.

### Nursery Curtain

Above is shown a pretty poppy-trimmed window curtain for a child's room. The original was very unusual with its bits of gay

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PANET, Scottsville, Ky.—In taking seats at a hotel  
or restaurant table, a girl and her escort, if unaccom-  
panied by other friends, would preferably select a table  
for two where they might sit opposite each other. Con-  
venience and common sense might break this rule in  
restaurants where only large tables were in use, and in  
such a case a couple might suitably sit side by side.  
Were several couples dining together, they would ar-  
range themselves in the most pleasant manner for all  
concerned—which would mean that a girl's escort would  
be seated next to her, for the sake of conversation and  
courtesy. (2) It is considered the best form at a quiet  
home wedding for a girl to be married in her going-  
away gown, which is preferably a tailored frock, with  
hat, shoes and gloves selected to properly harmonize.  
The conventional bride's costume, with its glory and  
beauty of lace and silk, is best reserved for the larger  
function of a church wedding. This is not an iron-clad  
rule, however, and if a bride wishes more convention in  
a home ceremony, she and her family can arrange ac-  
cordingly. As for the groom, he will be found always  
in favor of the least possible fuss and furbelows. But  
surely a girl, of all times, permitted to have her own  
way at her own wedding.

L. B., Oklahoma.—A lady removes her gloves while  
eating. In the case of long gloves, these may simply  
be slipped back over the hand. (2) Small individual  
cakes are always eaten from the fingers, but layer cake  
or any pastry of a soft or crumbly sort is best attacked  
with a fork. Fried eggs would be eaten with a fork.  
A general rule is that a knife is not brought into play  
unless absolutely necessary. In eating chops, steaks or  
other meats, only the mouthful to be eaten is cut at one  
time. The napkin is spread upon the lap, and in all  
ordinary cases is left unfolded at the end of the meal.  
A lady would rise from a restaurant or hotel table first,  
to be promptly followed by her escort who would assist  
her with her wraps, etc. We all learn by imitation.  
Watch those around you, and do not be afraid to ask the  
questions that will remedy your inexperience.

H. C., New York.—A girl does not let "a gentleman  
friend" kiss her because such a most personal privilege  
and sign of affection is properly reserved by her for the  
man she intends to marry. Boys are only too willing to  
"go" with girls they find easy to kiss and fondle, but  
a girl is foolish who cheapens herself in this manner  
and becomes a member of any "petting party." The  
right sort of boy will respect more and like better the  
girl whose kisses are not easily won nor carelessly dis-  
tributed to every comer. (2) During the period when a  
girl is not yet engaged, she may receive attention—or  
"keep company," as you have it—from and with as  
many young men as her beauty and charm may bring  
about her; but no girl of fifteen rightly "keeps com-  
pany" with any else but her schoolbooks and the lessons  
and duties which will in five or six years make her a  
talented and attractive wife for somebody more worth-  
while than a "good night" kissing youngster. Advice,  
like medicine, is often hard to take, but can bring re-  
sults if swallowed.

F. M. B., Coffee Creek, Mont.—When you are intro-  
duced to a girl, extend your hand with a bow, a smile  
and a "how do you do." And then say anything that  
seems most natural and necessary at the time. In a  
case of embarrassment, the person making an introduc-  
tion can often kindly aid by a sentence that will loosen  
conversational channels and make talk flow easier. Re-  
member this when it is you who have introductions to  
make. (2) The general rule is that a girl should not  
accept such expensive gifts as articles of jewelry from  
a young man to whom she was not engaged. You must  
use your own judgment about keeping or returning this  
ring. As to what the gift "means," you know the boy  
and we do not, but we think it ought to mean he likes  
you a lot.

A. M., Olney, Texas.—If you have known this boy all  
your life and he "respects" you and your parents, it is  
only in accordance with this friendship and respect that  
he should signify what these signs of affection you men-  
tion really mean, and if they have any serious intent  
and basis. Why not consult with your mother concern-  
ing the attentions of this boy and how seriously you  
should regard them? You do not give your age in your  
letter, and so we cannot tell how much judgment of  
your own we can grant you. Read the reply to H. C.,  
New York, in this issue.

B. E. B., W. Va.—You may send a note of thanks  
to this young man who has sent you his present, or  
you may wait to thank him at a time when you meet.  
The first course would be the more courteous. Make  
your thanks simple, short and sincere. (2) If you meet  
this young man caller at your door, shake hands in  
greeting him and ask him in. See that he lays aside  
his hat and overcoat, but do not assist him with these.  
It would be courteous and correct for you to have your  
parents come to greet your caller.

L. L. S., Madera, Calif.—Although both the maid of  
honor and the bridesmaids at a church wedding serve  
chiefly as charming parts of a lovely spectacle, yet they  
constitute in theory the bride's personal attendants and  
should therefore hold themselves ready to be more than  
ornamental and to be of any possible service before,  
during and after the ceremony. This is particularly true  
in the case of a maid of honor. In the bridal  
procession to the altar, the maid of honor walks in ad-  
vance of the bride and behind the two or four brides-  
maids. She takes her place at the left of where the  
bride will stand and is then ready to aid the bride in  
any small manner—in holding the bridal bouquet, for  
instance; or by assisting in the management of the  
bride's train when the procession turns back up the  
church aisle after the ceremony. In this return march,  
the maid of honor follows directly behind the newly-  
united couple. A formal church wedding is a rather dif-  
ficult and conventional affair—so much so that it is cus-  
tomary to hold a rehearsal in order that when the ceremony  
occurs no untoward incidents may happen to mar the  
performance, which is a name quite suitable to be given  
to such a well-staged and elaborate spectacle as a mod-  
ern wedding has become in these days.

### Comfort Sisters' Corner

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 20.)

I am five feet, five inches tall and weigh 98 pounds.  
Ireckled face, pug nose and an over abundance of red  
hair. Twenty-five years old and Irish. I have read  
COMFORT ever since I was ten years old and at that  
time I used to wish I could be a member of the Sisters'  
Corner. As time rolled on I realized my inability to  
be of real help, but now I want to talk about dress-  
making and collecting. This may not be interesting  
to many of you. To be a successful dressmaker does  
not mean that one must go away to school. I studied  
with a leading modiste but my best success as designer  
and fitter came from home study. I try to have a  
complete line of fashion plates, tailor's chalk, cod-  
dles of pins and a fifty-two inch tape measure. I begin  
first in taking complete measurements of the individual  
to find if or where there is any fault in the human  
form. After having complete measurements and de-  
ciding upon style to be followed see if you have enough  
cloth, allowing for seams, hems, draperies, etc. I  
finish all my dresses before putting in the hem. Put  
the dress on individual and have her stand in a  
natural position, measure desired number of inches  
from floor and mark with chalk every two inches. The

latter must move around the person being fitted. I  
have some designs and patterns that I would be glad  
to give to orphan girls and widows or mothers with  
small children. I have a little shop with three girls  
helping me, all red heads.

One line of work that I do is rather unusual; at  
least, I've never seen it mentioned in the paper. I  
am a collector. I had no experience in that work but  
answered an ad. I asked for a trial and found that  
I liked the work and could do well. I called in the  
homes of the poor and the rich. I have heard people  
condemn collectors and think hard of people who did  
not pay their debts the moment they were due. I had  
an experience that changed my mind. I was sent to  
a distant town to collect a large bill for a business  
firm or have the man arrested. In response to my rap  
a frail little woman came to the door and invited me  
into the little three-room house where the husband and  
father lay sick with typhoid fever and in the cradle  
lay twin girls, seventeen days old. That little mother  
gave me a cup of tea and I sat down with her two-  
year-old boy. She told me her troubles and that her  
one great worry was the bill I held against them. Did  
I tell her I was the collector? I did not but went  
back to the firm who cancelled the debt and later  
helped to care for the widowed mother and three  
babies. That gave me a wonderful lesson. So often  
we find fault, condemn and backbite when could we  
see inside the other heart we would wince with shame.  
To hear the sisters tell of getting so many letters  
gives me courage to hope that I too will hear from  
the sisters.

With love and prayers for every COMFORT sister,  
AUDRA JENKINS.

DRAIN, OREGON.

ZIP! BANG!

Here I come from the wild and woolly West and I'm  
going to plant myself on Mrs. Wilkinson's doorstep  
till she lets me in. She has been awful to me. This is my  
third or fourth call and I am 'w'ent the door in my face  
every time. I'm like the Irishman, viz: Two Irishmen  
were trying to make the best rhyme and one said,  
"There was a man, his name was Wimpie, upon his  
nose there was a pimple." The other said, "Once there  
was a man whose name was Wimpie, upon his nose there  
was a bump, if it hasn't moved it's there yet." And  
that's the way I will be on Mrs. Wilkinson's doorstep  
and to get rid of me she must listen to me.

So many of the sisters seem to think the proper thing  
to do is to keep dolled up for hubby's sake, lest his  
love grow cold. I want to know how they do it and  
what kind of a weak mortal their husband must be. To  
save my life I could not stay dolled up and work and I  
flatter myself that I do a lot of work. I have spaded  
ground and planted lettuce, radishes, turnips, peas and  
cabbage in order to have an early garden. I also have  
my sweet peas planted. I have canned lots of fruit and  
made about 75 pints of jelly as well as chow chow and  
green tomato relish. We killed two hogs and a baby  
beef (seven months old calf) and I canned ten one-half  
gallons jars of beef, seventeen quarts of sausage, 12  
quarts of vegetable soup and two quarts of pork. We  
will make bacon of most of the pork. I have thirteen  
quarts of salmon canned also. I am real proud of it  
all as we used to live in town and had no meat to can  
or enjoy. It's lots of work but how one does like to  
tell about it.

Are you quite tired, or, as my small daughter says,  
have you had "auff"?  
Hubbard is working in a logging camp so I do a  
man's work as well as a woman's, and keep my two  
boys in school.

BLOWING BUBBLES.

STAR, R. E. I, Miss.

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best of all his faults, which are many with the  
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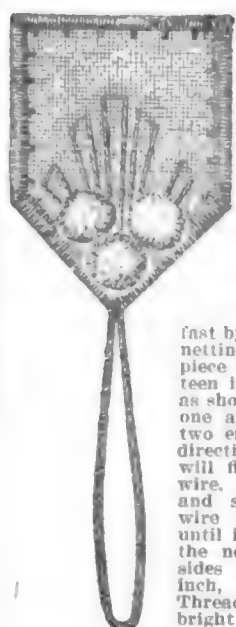
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## Fight the Fly Nuisance

By Estelle Garland

### Making a Fly-Swatter

**A**MONG fastidious housewives there has always been a warranted objection to an unsightly fly-swatter lying about like a necessary evil. But now all this has been changed for the useful fly-swatter has become a "thing of beauty" and its sure aim "a joy forever," and the one who wrote the following lines in recognition of its true service deserves a medal:



"With murderous intent  
My steps are bent  
Toward the small  
But harmful fly.  
For a swat in time  
It saveth mine,  
Here's a Swatter,  
Pass not one by!"

To make, take a piece of wire screen netting seven inches long by five and a quarter wide. Turn under both sides of the handle end of netting two and one-half inches, bringing the two edges together at the back and making them fast by working a strand of the netting in and out. Take a piece of small ball wire seventeen inches long and double it as shown in illustration. Bend one and one-half inch of the two ends outward, in opposite directions, and at an angle that will fit the turned-in edge of wire. Take strong linen thread and sew tightly around the wire and through the mesh until it is secure. Turn under the netting around the three sides about two-thirds of an inch, or about four meshes. Thread a darning needle with bright yarn and sew over-and-over the entire edge, to a depth that will cover the turned-under edges, making a longer stitch every eighth mesh. Three rosettes of different colored yarn are sewed near the handle, and the wool carried out the wire mesh in long stitches. Wind the handle with the yarn.

To wash, work up and down in a warm suds until clean, then rinse and hang in the sun to dry.

### Screening Doors and Windows

A careful screening of windows and doors during the summer months, with the supplementary use of "fly killers" of various kinds, is a protective measure against house flies known to everyone. It requires diligence on the part of every member of a household to keep out flies in sultry weather. If they do sneak in, don't leave food around where they can feast on it and be glad they came. Swat upon sight!

"Lives of house flies all remind us  
That the Fates are rather mean;  
We never see them in the movies,  
BUT—  
They're always on the screen."

### Fly-Papers and Poisons

Sticky fly-paper, such as found in our general stores, is effective and safe. Great care must be exercised if fly-poison preparations are used, as many of them contain arsenic.

A very effective and less dangerous fly poison is made by adding three teaspoonfuls of the commercial formalin to a pint of milk or water sweetened with a little brown sugar.

The U. S. Public Health Service recommends a one per cent. solution of sodium salicylate as almost equally effective. This is prepared by dissolving three teaspoonfuls of the pure chemical (a powder) in a pint of water, some brown sugar being added to render it more attractive to flies. A convenient way of exposing these poisons is shown in the accompanying illustration. Here an ordinary drinking glass is partly filled with the solution. A saucer or plate is lined with white blotting paper cut the size of the dish and placed bottom up over the glass. The whole is then quickly inverted and a small match stick placed under the edge of the glass. As the solution evaporates from the paper more flows out from the glass and thus the supply is automatically renewed.

Fly poison never should be left where children can by any possibility reach it. Fly poison has been the cause bringing many children to an untimely grave.

"Most flies must like fly-paper,  
Or else they're out of luck;  
At first they fight to get away  
BUT—  
On it they're soon dead-stuck."

### The Fly Menace and How to Fight It

Fly time is approaching and it behooves one and all to start the spring cleaning out-of-doors as

### Poultry Farming for Women

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a few days, small quantities of stale bread which has been soaked in scalded milk, and squeezed dry. Try to find the source of trouble—the decayed offal or stagnant water in an old paint can.

P. F. S.—The house illustrated in last December's COMFORT is twenty feet wide and thirty-five feet long. The partition of matched boards runs the full length of the house, twelve feet from the front. This forms a scratch room in front and a rest room at back, which is lighted from the windows in the elevated roof. A dropping board runs along the partition in the roosting room. Roosting frames with nine-inch legs stand on the dropping board. Front openings are covered with wire netting, and have oiled muslin curtains on rollers to let down in stormy weather.

H. P.—Please read answer to P. F. S.

C. G.—Please read answer to P. F. S. If I can get a working ground plan, it shall be mailed to you.

J. E.—Carrots and parsnips should be chopped up fine; beets also, if they are the small table variety. If the large mangels variety, cut through the middle, and fix cut side foremost between two studs, so that the birds can pick at the inside. Cabbage is better tied or nailed up, so that the birds will have to jump up and down to work at it. The exercise is just what they want in the winter.

D. R. P.—The male should be darker than the pullets. Neck, rich brilliant red, with distinct black stripes through the center of each feather. Back and saddle, same as breast—glossy black. Body and fluff, black; tail, black. Undercolor, black or dark slate.

C. H. R.—Too much rich food or unseasoned grain has brought on severe liver trouble. From your description, I fear the case had gone on too far before you wrote me. If you had given two tablespoonfuls of castor oil at first, and reduced the grain to just a little oats or wheat, fed as much green vegetable as the bird would eat, and given nothing but sour milk to drink, you might have pulled him through.

C. R.—The construction of the Cornell trap-net which we use is as follows: The nest is 12 inches wide, 12 inches high and 20 inches long, inside measurements. Light materials should be used so far as possible. Most poultry-

men are less likely to neglect cleaning the nests often if they are light and easy to handle. In building these nests we use for the corner posts, white pine 1/2 inch by 1 1/2 inch. The sides, bottom, front and rear pieces are 1/2 inch pine. The pieces on top are 5-16 inch thick or heavier. The door or trap is made of 3/4 by 1 1/2 inch pine. The screen over the opening in the door is known as 3 by 3 mesh galvanized wire cloth. The screen in the back is for ventilation. Galvanized wire cloth can be made for this, but a cheaper screen will answer the purpose if one wishes to use it. The trigger or trip is made from No. 7 wire. For making this, all that is necessary is a piece of wire about two feet long, a wood worker's bench vice, a pair of pliers and a hammer. From the middle of the wire measure four inches each way, place the wire in the vice, and bend at right angles at the point marked. From these angles measure 1/2 inch towards the ends of the wire and bend at right angles in the opposite directions. From this last angle measure four inches toward the ends of the wire and bend the wire toward the center. The ends should be cut off so that they will measure about 1 1/2 inch from the last angle. The board with grooved ends is fitted on to the wire to prevent the hens from sitting on the wire. The screw-eyes which support the wire trip are put in and the wire is then sprung into place. The only criticism that we have had regarding this nest is that when it is first installed, occasionally a door will be found closed without a hen in the nest. This seems to be due to the fact that a hen starts to enter the nest, trips the door and backs out. However, as the hens become accustomed to the nest, this happens less frequently.

There must not be too great an interval in generation between the man who tills the earth for grain and the man who breaks for others the bread of life.

well as within, for the presence of flies is an indication of uncleanness, unsanitary conditions, and improper disposal of substances in which they breed. Not only are flies annoying, but they are actually dangerous to health, because they may carry disease germs to exposed foods.

In order to combat successfully the fly menace, it is important to know where and how these insects breed. Several species of flies are found in houses, some of which so closely resemble the true house fly that only by careful observation can they be distinguished. Among these is the biting stable fly, which differs from the house fly in the important particular that its mouth parts are formed for piercing the skin. There is another stable fly which almost exactly resembles the house fly, but it does not bite, and breeds in decaying vegetable matter and in excrement.

Occasionally the blow-fly or meat fly, the blue-bottle, and the green-bottle flies, all of which breed in decaying animal matter, are found in houses. Still another species, and smaller than any of those so far mentioned, is the "lesser house fly," and is distinguished from the ordinary house fly by its paler and more pointed body. There is also a jet black species known as the window fly, its larvae being found in cracks of floors where it feeds on other tiny insects.

In late summer and autumn many specimens of a small fruit fly, known as the "vinegar fly," make their appearance, attracted by the odor of overripe fruit. The true house fly, which is found in nearly all parts of the world, outnumbered all other species together, many, many times over. This fly is medium-sized with four black stripes on the back and a sharp elbow in one of the veins of the wings. The house fly cannot bite, its mouth parts being spread out at the tip for sucking up liquid substances.

The eggs are laid upon horse manure, this substance being its favorite larval food. It will also breed in human excrement, and because of this habit it is very dangerous to the health of human beings, carrying as it does the germs of intestinal diseases, such as typhoid fever and cholera, from the excreta to food supplies. It has also been found to breed freely in hog manure and to some extent in cow and chicken manure. It will also lay its eggs on a great variety of decaying vegetable and animal materials, but a vast proportion comes from horse manure.

The eggs usually hatch in eight to twenty-four hours, the time depending on temperature and moisture. The maggots thus produced feed on the manure until they develop into flies. Experiments have shown that the shortest time between the disposition of eggs and the emerging of the adult fly is between eight and twelve days, and that under these favorable conditions a new generation would be started every eleven to fourteen days.

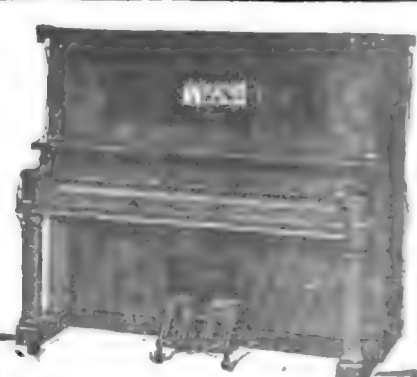
### Carriage of Disease by the House Fly

The house fly's body and legs, especially the latter, are covered thickly with hairs and bristles of various lengths. From a mind picture of its hirsute equipment it is readily seen how, as the fly crawls over infected material the insect be-



FLY-POISON FOUNTAIN.

comes loaded with noxious germs and thus acts as an effective carrier of contamination to human foods. While the danger from the disease germs carried by the fly on its body and legs is very great, those which it swallows, when feeding on polluted matter, and afterwards deposits in its spittle or excrement on any food it can get to, are a still greater menace to health, as they are found in greater numbers and retain their vitality longer within the fly's digestive tract. "Fly spees" contain very many germs, and, if the fly has been feeding on infected matter, these may cause sickness or death if taken into the human system. Watch a fly light on a lump of sugar or on any other solid food and see it deposit a tiny globule of spittle, work it over until the spittle is sweetened, and then suck it back again, but it leaves part of its germ-infected spittle on the remaining food to be eaten by human beings. The fly will feed on the most filthy substances wherever they may be found, and then carry the pollution and deposit it on food in the kitchen, dining-room and pantry, and on dishes.



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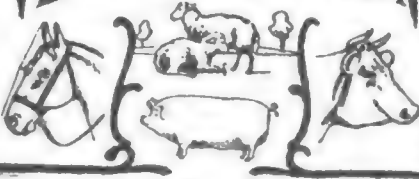
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### Sharp Objects Kill Cows

As every reader is well aware, cows often chew and swallow bones, bark, clothing, crockery, dirt, stones and other foreign objects. Some of these things do little harm in the stomach, but unfortunately the cow sometimes swallows nails, and fatal pericarditis results. Shingle nails most often cause this traumatic or accidental inflammation of the heart-sac. When the barn roof is repaired or replaced, old shingles and nails often fall into the cattle yard and if left may cause trouble. Other nails, bits of wire, pins, needles and hairpins have also caused the death of many a good cow. In one instance that came to our attention a farmer bought from a peddler a wire brush with which to scrub out the concrete feed troughs in his cow stable. Shortly afterwards some of his cows became sick and seven died. Post-mortem examination showed that death in each case had been caused by pericarditis due to a wire having penetrated the wall of the stomach, transfixing the diaphragm and lodged in the sac of the heart. In other cases a wire or nail had transfixed the leaves of the third stomach (omasum) and caused fatal impaction. There is no medicinal remedy for traumatic pericarditis. Were it known that sharp objects were present in the second stomach (reticulum), where they generally lodge, it might be possible to remove them with the hand passed through an opening cut in the wall of the paunch (rumen). This operation would, however, be too late to save life after the symptoms of pericarditis had set in. Prevention is therefore of paramount importance.

The condition may be suspected when a cow shows the following symptoms: fever; fast pulse, which later becomes weak; deranged digestion and diarrhea; dull or metallic sounds (bruits) heard on listening to the heart; dropsical swelling of the brisket and gradual emaciation. The cow may also cough spasmodically when made to run. After death a large quantity of foul-smelling fluid is usually found in the sac of the heart.

WORMS.—My kitten is eight months old and eats but little and is very thin. She is playful and a good mouster. Some time ago she was sick, vomiting a milkish fluid. She tried to stand but would shake and nearly fall over. Her fur is rough and not smooth and silky like other kittens. I gave her castor oil.

A.—The kitten is no doubt infested with worms. Destroy them, give 10 to 15 drops of syrup of iodine of iron once daily for two or three days and repeat next week. If constipated, give a dose of castor oil in milk after the above medicine has been given.

WORMS.—I have a pup that is very poor and restless. Doesn't eat much and picks his food over. He has good teeth. His eyes are dull and he does not show any signs of worms.

A.—It is to be suspected that worms are the cause of the thin condition, therefore we should advise you to withhold food for 24 hours and then give one grain of freshly-powdered ipecac root for each pound of body weight. Give it mixed in cream or soup. Follow the powder in two or three hours with a dose of castor oil to clear the bowels. Worm medicine for dogs may also be bought, ready for use, at the drug store.

WART.—I have a cow with a wart or sore between her eyes. It has been there for years. It will heal up, then gather and discharge. Can you give me a cure for it?

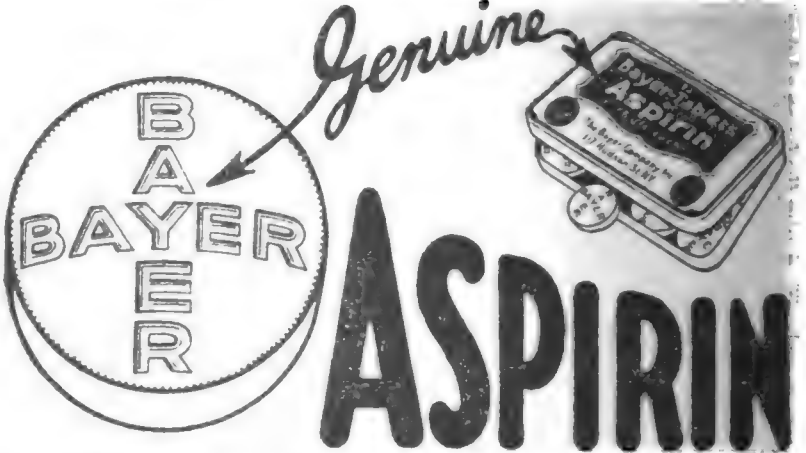
A.—The best treatment in such a condition would be to put the cow down or restrain her in stocks and then cut out the growth. The wound should then be cauterized. If you cannot have this done, apply lard or vasoline around the growth and then cauterize the latter with a lunar caustic pencil or a stick of caustic potash.

HORN FISTULA.—I have a cow that was taken sick last August. The trouble seemed to be in her head and I sawed her horns off and one of them discharges pus. Sometimes the horn closes up and there is a swelling over the eye until it is opened. She was giving three gallons of milk a day, but is getting poor. What can I do for her?

A.—There is no such disease as "hollow horn," so the horns need not have been sawed off. The horns of all adult cattle are hollow. As the horn core has become infected, you should saw off the stub and then flush out the cavity once daily with warm water containing one dram of permanganate of potash to the quart. Use a fountain syringe for the purpose. When pus ceases to form, cover the part with pine tar and a layer of oakum or cotton. Have the cow tested with tuberculin, as she may have tuberculosis.

HEPATITIS.—I would like to know what to do for my cow. When she urinates the water is like blood. What is the cause and is there a cure? Mrs. B. P.

A.—This disease is common in your state and is supposed to be caused by micro-organisms (coccidia) in the feed or water. It is usually contracted on wild pasture. Keep the cow in the stable and yard and feed



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SUSPICIOUS CASE.—I have a mare five years old. When I bought her, a two-year-old, she was healthy and fat. Last spring sores broke out on her hind feet and discharged. She began to run down and now she is very thin. Her hair seems dead. I feed her stock powder and soda. Can you advise me what to do? A. B.

A.—We should not feel justified in prescribing treatment as the symptoms are highly suggestive of farcy, the skin form of glanders. That disease is not only contagious and incurable in horses and mules but communicable and fatal to man. A diseased animal has to be destroyed in accordance with state law. You should at once take the mare to a qualified veterinarian for examination. He will, if necessary, apply the Mallein test.

BLACK TONGUE.—Will you kindly advise me if there is any cure for dogs with "Black Tongue" and if so, what? Can anything be done to prevent their taking it?

A.—The new theory is that black tongue of dogs may be a form of hemorrhagic septicemia, therefore it would be well to have your veterinarian give your dogs protective treatment with a bacterin. Keep the dogs from eating garbage or carrion of any kind and from drinking contaminated water. If a case occurs, swab or spray the mouth two or three times daily with distilled or boiled water tinged light blue with bluestone, or pink with permanganate of potash. Also give powdered borax in one-half teaspoonful doses two or three times daily to bring up the phlegm.

LAMENESS.—I have a mare and on her left hind foot, above the hoof, is a loose, hard lump, running around the hoof a little, making her limp when trotting.

A.—Clip the hair from the hoof and growth and then blister with a mixture of one dram each of biniodide of mercury and powdered cantharides and one and one-half ounces of lard. Rub it in for 15 minutes and then tie the mare up short so that she will be unable to lie down or bite the part. Wash the blister off in 48 hours and then apply a little lard daily. It may be necessary to repeat the blister several times at intervals of two or three weeks.

BLACKHEAD.—Is there any sure cure for yellow diarrhea in turkeys? The head turns purple as the disease advances. (2) I have yearling colt that has what is called Roach Back. Is there any way to reduce the enlargement or crooked spine? W. A.

A.—We take it that the turkeys die of blackhead. If so, the livers will be found covered with yellow diseased spots. There is no certain remedy. Do not feed corn but allow sour milk at all times. Tinge the drinking water light blue with methylene blue, or pink with permanganate of potash. Keep young turkeys off the ground at night, in a dry room or floor. Burn diseased birds. Start fresh, on new, clean ground, with eggs from a sound flock. (2) Having the colt ridden by a heavy person daily may help, but such a malformation usually proves permanent.

FOUL IN CATTLE.—I have several cows coming down with foot rot. What is the cause and what can I do?

A.—Wading or standing in wet and filth and getting grit and bits of corn-stalks, cobs and particles of grit or manure lodged between the toes, causes "foul" or "foot-rot." Rotting and under-running of the horn of the foot by pus when the part becomes invaded by the fifth germ bacillus necrophorus. The disease usually is curable. Stable affected cattle. Cleanse the feet and cut away every bit of rotten or under-run horn of sole or wall. Then immerse the foot for five minutes in hot water containing two ounces of sulphate of copper (blue-stone) to the pint. Afterwards cover the parts with oakum saturated with a five per cent. solution of coal tar disinfectant and held in place by bandaging. Renew the dressing once daily until doing well; then apply pine tar two or three times a week. It will then be necessary to keep the cattle out of filth.

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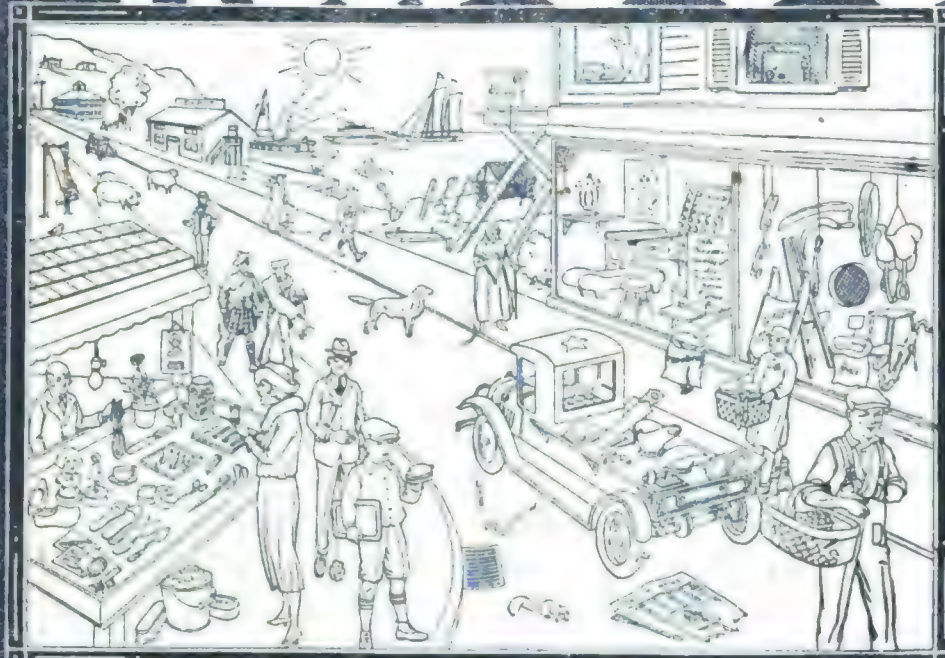
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5th prize	25	75	150	400
6th to 55th prizes each	2	4	8	25
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## Observe These Rules:

1. The contest is open to every man, woman, girl or boy living in America, except employees or relatives of employees of E. J. Reefer, 9th and Spruce Sts., Philadelphia, Pa.
2. You must use only one side of paper. You must number your list of objects in regular order—1, 2, 3, etc. Your full name and address must be written on each page in the upper right-hand corner. List a separate sheet for anything you may wish to write outside of your list of names and your name and address.
3. English words only will be accepted as they appear in the English dictionary. Obsolete words will not be counted. Both the singular and the plural of a word will not count; either one of them may be used.
4. The same spelling of a word will be counted only once even though it is used for different objects or objects, or parts of them.
5. Compounds or words which are made up of two or more complete English words cannot be used.
6. If more than one name is given for the same object, only one name will be counted.
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10. The full amount of any of the prizes will be awarded to each contestant in the event of a tie.
11. The decision will be made by three judges entirely independent of having no connection with E. J. Reefer. They will judge the answers submitted and award the prizes at the end of the contest. Participation in the contest carries with it the acceptance of the decision of the judges.
12. All answers will receive full consideration whether or not "Reefer's Yeast Tablets" is purchased. At the close of the contest, when all lists have been graded, the names of the prize winners will be announced and the list of words will be sent upon request to any participant who sends us a stamped, addressed envelope.

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## Stella Roosevelt

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out and turns with disgust from her artful designing, she has shamelessly taxed him with unfaithfulness and treachery.

Star turned and regarded her accuser in perfect amazement. She could scarcely credit her sense of hearing.

How did Mrs. Richards know anything about her meetings with Lord Carrol, alias Archibald Sherbrooke, or of her interest in him? And who had represented it in this disgraceful light?

"This young man," the cunning woman went on, "is no other than Lord Carrol, who, for the month that we were at Long Branch, paid the most devoted attention to Josephine, and accepted our invitation here with the intention, as we supposed, of formally declaring himself to her and securing her father's consent to their marriage."

A convulsive tremor ran through every fiber of the young girl's being, as she stood there and listened to this artful tale, and Mrs. Roosevelt, who still held her hand, was sensible of it, and wondered what it could all mean.

He had not a suspicion that Lord Carrol and the handsome young artist whom he so admired were one and the same, but he knew that something must be very wrong to move Star so and make her look so deathly white.

"You look astonished," Mrs. Richards said, "and well you may, and your surprise will increase when I have told you all."

"I am sure," he answered, glancing from one to the other, "that there must be some mistake."

"There is no mistake," replied his niece, coldly, and fixing a merciless glance upon Star, "for Lord Carrol has just had an interview with my husband, during which he told him the whole story. He says his first meeting with Stella was caused by an accident, and that she appeared so bright and intelligent that whenever he met her afterward he spoke with her and treated her kindly. He did not even have the least idea where she lived until tonight, after dinner. He went out for a quiet smoke, when she presented herself before him, accused him of coming here as Josephine's lover, and denounced him as a traitor in the strongest terms and most unmanly manner, and telling him, greatly to his surprise, that she was an inmate of the house where he was a visitor. Of course, after such a denunciation, he could do no other way than to seek Mr. Richards and explain everything, lest this rash girl should, out of a spirit of revenge and disappointment, destroy all his prospects with Josephine."

It was a cunningly distorted story, and Star, as she listened to it, bowed her head and covered

her face with her hands, while a low cry of despair broke from her lips.

She had not dreamed that the man whom she had learned to love, who, with his open, handsome face, his frank, manly ways, had won her deepest respect, her strongest affections, could be guilty of so cowardly an act as to betray her thus.

And yet he must have done so, else how could Mrs. Richards have known anything about the matter?

Yes, without doubt, he had feared that she would openly denounce him before the family where he had so unexpectedly found her, and so had given this version of the great wrong that he had done her in order to shield himself.

His own prospect of winning the rich heiress must not be interfered with, so he adopted this coup d'état of going to Mrs. Richards and, with apparent frankness, confessing that his trifling attention to a silly girl had resulted in leading her to believe she had won a wealthy and titled husband.

This was what Mrs. Richards had wished to make Star well, for the earth and wounded. And yet Sherbrooke, other than a cowardly and unfaithful man, she loved him still.

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The sole meaning of life is to serve humanity by contributing to the kingdom of God, which can be done only by the recognition of the worth of every man.—Tolstol.

## Comfort Sisters' Corner

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and gyp water being unfit to drink. People use cisterns and dig stock tanks and when these dry up, haul water for miles.

A sister, MRS. P. E. BOWELL.

NORFOLK, NEBR.

DEAR COMFORT SISTERS:

I'm sure you are all at home this time for it is only 7.30 A. M. and you must be unless you are more ambitious than I am.

I have wasted (?) one precious "wash" hour, reading the Sisters' Corner, and forgot to put the lights out. Now can you beat that? Pearl Veasey was what attracted me, otherwise my washing would have been out an hour earlier.

I am very happy today for tomorrow brings my dear old mother to me and I am so glad. I haven't seen her for ten months. I said old, didn't I? No, she isn't old, mothers never should be, even if they are seventy-five. They may feel so but we should make them feel young. My brother is forty-two, with curly black hair and big brown eyes that are full of fun and bubbling over with laughter, and love, and—well that describes her exactly.

I have never found a letter from this part of Nebraska. Do I have to describe myself? I am twenty-three years old, five feet, nine inches tall, 230 pounds weight, black stringy hair, small eyes, brown, and worse yet, I wear a number nine shoe and am a full-blooded Irish woman, that is, what isn't some other nationality.

Now I must make a bed for mother. She can't sleep on my hard couch, and I've just enough room for Daddy and me and three-year-old Billie.

Love to all, SARA.

TAMPA, 2903—9th St., Fla.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:

Have you room in your corner for an old, but silent sister? I have been reading COMFORT for most twenty-five years, and am lost if I miss a copy.

I am from way down in sunny Florida, although I was born and raised in the North (Minnesota). This is a beautiful part of the country and I shall try to tell you about Tampa, Florida, which is the county seat of Hillsborough County, on Tampa Bay, at the mouth of the Hillsborough River, and on the Atlantic Coast Line and Sea Board Air Line Railroads. The city has an attractive location and a healthful climate, and it is a popular winter resort. Special features of interest are the De Soto Park, where the U. S. Volunteers camped during the Spanish-American War; a very large winter resort hotel, the Tampa Bay Hotel, and during the winter the city furnishes free light and water to all tourists who wish to camp at De Soto Park, on condition they do not work while camping there. Last year there must have been fully two or three hundred machines at the park. Large quantities of phosphate, fruits, vegetables, turpentine, rosin, lumber, fish and cattle are exported, while the city is second only to New York in the im-

portation of tobacco. Cigar making is the principal industry. The raw material comes chiefly from Havana and the work is done largely by Spanish and Cuban immigrants.

Little Sister sure has the right idea in regards to girls keeping company. Always make your children's friends welcome in the home, and in that way you see who and what they are. I have a stepmother of four children, and everyone said, "No, don't marry him with all those kids, for you will never be happy," but I listened to my own heart, and married him just the same. Of course we have little troubles once in a while, but please show me a couple that doesn't. There are three girls, 18-16-6, and one boy 13 years old. The oldest girl has been married six months and the next one has boys' company, but she brings them to the house and it they are to stay her any place, they call at the house for her. She also writes to several and I see the letters she receives and I advise her never to put anything on paper she would be ashamed for all the world to see.

Never make children a promise you cannot keep, for they hold them in remembrance. I am speaking from my own experience. I really believe the children love me most as well as they did their own dear mother whom they lost.

If any stepmother needs help and I can give her some, just write me. One thing I will advise, don't marry a man with children unless you love children for there is a lot to put up with until you win their love, for many will criticize a stepmother, let her do her very best.

I shall be glad to hear from any who care to write to me.

With best wishes to Mrs. Wilkinson and the Sisters' Corner,  
Mrs. M. T. HAYES.

HOTSPR, MISS.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:

I have been an interested reader of COMFORT for over eleven years.

Country Lasses, in October issue, I agree with what Mrs. Wilkinson says and cannot add any more to that. Go out among people, be friendly and nice. If you cannot meet people of your own age at home, leave home for a while and visit some relative or friend with some good people. Take up church work and join the young people's society of some church. Keep busy and cheerful and read up on the most interesting of today's subjects.

I am twenty-four years old, five feet, four inches tall and weigh 147 pounds. I have brown hair and hazel eyes. My birthday was January 5th.

I would like to correspond with someone who can read, write and speak French. I have studied the language and want to learn more. I did not get as much education as I wanted before I had to make my own living so now I am going to a night school to make up for what I have lost.

I live two miles from Virginia, Minn. It is an attractively laid out city, with nice streets and beautiful trees. There are two good parks and in summer band concerts are given there.

The largest white pine sawmill is located in Virginia. There are several churches and schools.

I have lived in the West also and cannot forget that beautiful country, although I like the East. I lived in Idaho for five years and about that long in Montana. The West needs more churches and more real interested workers to start Sunday schools and Sunday services. There are many good churches there as we all know but many people cannot go to church because they live too far away. Some of the children do not go to Sunday school at all and in many instances do not get any religious training at home. We lived in a neighborhood that had no church.

With all good wishes,  
Mrs. CARRIE VIEL.

WATSON, ARK.

DEAR COMFORTERS:

Father Time and Mrs. Wilkinson did me be brief, therefore I will get down to business.

Miss Hudson, you prevent whispering just as you prevent other misbehavior. There are many ways to promote good behavior in children. Try a Better Department Club.

Who was it that wanted to know how to keep omelets from rotting? The secret lies in harvesting at the proper time. They should be pulled as soon as they are matured and they are matured as soon as the base of the stem becomes soft and pliable and inclined to bend over, even if the top is green. The dew and rain will soak through the top of the onion and the hot sun fairly cooks them. Pull them, hang by their stems in bunches or scatter on the floor of a cool, well ventilated room and leave them until danger of rotting.

Will some sister send me August, 1921 COMFORT.

Write first.

Mrs. W., were you responsible for those delicious pickle recipes in the September issue? If so, I wish to thank you; they are just what I have been wanting. A friend of mine makes an excellent plain sweet pickle. Want her recipe?

Cordially, ETHEL PLANTS.

Ethel Plants.—If my recipes pleased you I am very glad. Of course I want the recipe and as many more as you care to send.—Ed.

Best Ways of Doing Things Around the Home

When eggs are scarce use a tablespoonful of cornstarch in place of one egg.

If a teaspoonful of cold water is added to the white of an egg it will whip easier.

When in need of a substitute for rubber sheeting, use new oilcloth.

When pressing woolen goods, spread a newspaper over the material instead of cloth and there will be no lint to brush off.

Heat the knife before cutting fresh bread.—Mrs. MARGUERITE F. SCHLEGEL, Lenhartsville, Pa.

Here are a few laundry helps:

Soak ink stains in sour milk.

Soak blood stains in salt water, wash in warm water with soap, then boil.

For grass stains, saturate the spot with kerosene, then wash in usual way.

For iron rust, soak in lemon juice, sprinkle with salt and let remain in sun for several hours.

Soak tea or coffee stains in cold water, wring, spread out and pour a few drops of glycerine on each spot, let stand several hours. Wash with cold water and soap.

For mildew, soak for several hours in very weak solution of chloride of lime and rinse in cold water.—ECLA DAVIS, Heidelberg, Miss.

Old lace curtains, cut in squares and folded several times and stitched, make fine dish-cloths.—OLD GIRL OF MARYLAND.

Put spoons on nails if you are to hang clothing on them. This prevents tearing.—Mrs. LLOYD GARRETT, Okanogan, Wash.

Paint the inside of your closets with white paint or paper with light paper and you can find things easier.

Make strings of whole cloves and hang in your clothes closet to keep moths away.—ANNA HOGAN, Choctaw, Oklahoma.

When your black kid gloves lose their color and become rusty at the finger-tips, the color may be restored by adding a few drops of black ink to a teaspoonful of olive oil and applying it with a small brush.—BURN EYES, Reynolds Station, Ky.

To prevent baby from falling out of high-chair, make a belt with shoulder straps; sew two long strips to front of belt to pass between baby's legs, under the seat and fasten to back of belt, not too close together. This allows freedom of movement but prevents standing up or falling out.—Mrs. F. C. WALKINGTON, Winton, Calif.

The mother who makes her little girl's bloomers may find this idea helpful. Attach an old stocking leg to lower part of bloomer rather than finishing it with an elastic band, as the stocking keeps out cold and adds warmth below the knee, and does not bind as elastic does. Stretch the leg of the stocking to fit the leg of bloomer when sewing it on. It won't rip off and yet it will fit perfectly.—Mrs. D. F. EVANS, Moorhead, Ia.

Requests

How to clean a velvet coat.

Poems: "The Big Out Doors," and "The Mother of a Soldier."

Wanted: Quilt pattern called "Broken Wheel"—Mrs. N. M. TAYLOR, Weatherford, Texas.

Will someone please send me directions for wiring switches.—Mrs. ELIZABETH BERT, Willard, R. B. 2, Mo.

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# Stay Awake After Eating

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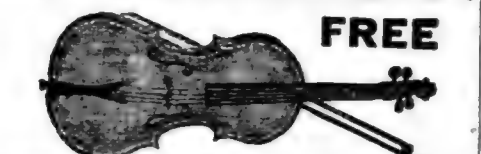
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No attention will be given any inquiry which lacks the sender's full name and address. But we will print only initials if so requested.

**Mrs. E. B. A. Raymond, Calif.**—The inscription you quote is meant to give the impression that your violin was produced in Cremona, Italy, in the year 1786, as the handwork of Antonius Stradivarius. We are sorry to tell you that we very much doubt the truth of this interior marking of your instrument. As we have often stated in this column, there has developed a considerable trade in the making of fraudulent "old violins." Such inscriptions as the one you mention are inserted to deceive credulous buyers. By the slow hand processes of the ancient masters were made during a maker's lifetime, and experts declare that there are only some thirty-odd authenticated Strada in existence at this date. Yet every month brings to us inquiries from COMFORT readers who have violins which contain markings which, if genuine, would indicate that their instruments were decidedly valuable. Only an expert could pass upon the value of your violin after inspection and trial.

**Miss L. S., Alabama.**—There would be no premium on a Mexican silver dollar such as you describe.

**Mrs. J. H. A., Richmond, Ky.**—Wash your fox skin well with warm soap and water, and have all fat and fleshy matter carefully scraped off with a dull knife. Then soak the hide in a liquid made by dissolving four quarts of wheat bran, two cups of salt, a cup of soft soap, and half an ounce of borax in five gallons of cold soft water. Leave the skin in this solution for eight or ten hours or until thoroughly soft. At the end of a day, coat the flesh side of the skin with a mixture made from an ounce of sal soda, a half-ounce of borax and two ounces of hard white soap. These can be melted slowly together without allowing them to boil. Leave the skin in a warm place for another day and then dissolve eight ounces of salt, four ounces of alum and two ounces of saleratus in enough hot water to saturate your fox skin. Do not have hot enough to scald, and soak the skin in this solution for twelve hours. Wring out and dry. Work the skin over a rounded beam until soft and pliable and the inside can also be smoothed if necessary with fine sandpaper and pumice-stone. We hesitate to advise you to attempt the mounting of the feet and head of a fox skin so that it might be used as a scarf. Anything of this sort badly done produces a result horrible to behold. Skill in such mounting of animal heads can only be gained by practice and first results are apt to be hopeless. We do not think you need to fear to send this skin away for mounting and making into a scarf and see no reason why you could not mark it so that you would be sure to receive the same skin back again.

**E. L., Nebraska.**—All copper two-cent pieces of our coinage are worth a small premium when the coins are in good condition. This premium runs from fifteen cents to \$1.50 according to year and condition. A five-cent piece of 1868 is not quoted at a premium. You do not state of what nation's mintage is your silver penny of 1859. We think you must be mistaken in the denomination of this coin.

**MARY LOU, Miss.**—A girl of twenty-four who has had no experience in ways of city living does not face an easy problem in situating herself in a large town and endeavoring to find work that will support her. The fact that you have an "unfinished" education and no specific training makes your task the more difficult. We do not recommend that you make such a move unless you can first do it under the kindly guardianship of friends who are now living in the city or who will travel with you. You must remember that when you face a great city for work, you confront the competition of many experienced and trained workers in all lines and trades who are already located there. The employment bureau maintained by the Y. W. C. A. in the larger cities would be of aid to you, we think. Of course, there are many things which inexperienced workers can do, but they are paid inexperienced pay—which does not always buy experienced food, lodging and clothing.

**A. D. C., New Raynor, Colo.**—We cannot tell you where you can purchase an instrument that will "make money and other treasure." We have stated in this column many times that devices which may be sold for this purpose are necessarily fraudulent. Money which is located at the end of an eight- or ten-hour day of honest work is that best worth divining. Why seek something for nothing? This is being done by those who sell "divining rods."

**M. J., Calhoun, Ga.**—Write to the Register of Copyright, Library of Congress, Washington, D. C., and ask for a copyright application and particulars concerning securing copyright. These will be promptly sent you. 2) The most profitable way for an author to handle a manuscript of novel length is to sell it to a magazine as a serial, retaining at the same time rights to publish in book form and also motion picture rights.

**Mrs. O. C. B., Decatur, Ill.**—Here is a quick and simple method of tanning your rabbit skin. Take it fresh skin up on a smooth board, using tacks that will not rust and stain the skin. First wash with a solution of common salt and then go over the surface with a wash made of two and one-half ounces of powdered washing for three days and then, after the skin is dry, remove the tacks and soften the tanned hide by drawing it backward and forward through a smooth ring, or working it over a rounded piece of wood. Rabbit skins are tender and must be carefully handled to avoid tearing.

**H. D. C., San Antonio, Texas.**—Gold bullion of U. S. Mint standard fineness is worth \$20.67 an ounce. The Federal Government would pay no one to engage in a search for treasure which may have been buried in old days by Spaniards or early Texans. If you can discover a hunk of gold whose ownership cannot be ascertained and to which no claimant appears, it will be yours without any interference from Washington. Our Treasury is well supplied with yellow metal and does not need to lay claim to ancient Spanish bullion.

**Mrs. J. T. W., Star Junction, Pa.**—It is only well-known and successful writers of popular songs who are able to get their efforts accepted on a royalty basis by music publishers. You are a beginner, and no house of music publishers will go to the expense of getting out a song whose selling qualities are doubtful, unless a payment is made which will protect the publishers against loss. However, if you undertake to pay yourself for the publication of this song, you should have quoted to you for a certain number of copies. We are sorry that we must say what will not think the song you send us has sufficient popular appeal to make it sell, and we believe if you wish it published that you will have to do this at your own expense.

**Mrs. J. B. G., Kalamazoo, Mich.**—Mrs. Eleanor Hodgman Porter, the popular author who was best known, perhaps, by her "Pollyanna" stories, died in 1920. Her books came out under the imprint of several publishers. One of her last works, "Pollyanna Grows Up," was published by the Page Company, Boston, Mass., in 1920. Houghton Mifflin Company of the same city issued her novel, "Oh, Money! Money!" You live in a good-sized city, and anyone of your local bookshops should be able to get for you any novel by Mrs. Porter you may wish to order.

**F. C., Martinsburg, Va.**—By dredging operations a minimum depth of nine feet below water has been obtained in the Mississippi River from Cairo, Ill., to Vicksburg, Miss. From there on no dredging has been required. From Baton Rouge to New Orleans the big river has a depth of thirty-five feet. From New Orleans

to the Quarantine Station this increases to 62 feet; and from this station on out to the Gulf waters the depth is about thirty feet through either the South or the Southwest Pass.

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for different districts and for the several kinds of orchard trees grown in these districts, but for almost all one treatment is advised sometime during early spring before the leaves appear. Each year we receive "rush calls" for spray mixture recipes and instructions; for that reason we offer the following, knowing that we will be asked for them later if we do not:

**BORDEAUX MIXTURE:** Consists of four pounds of copper sulphate (bluestone), five pounds quicklime and 50 gallons of water. Dissolve copper sulphate in a pail of hot water; the lime in cold water in a separate vessel, and stir until it forms a rich even cream. Pour each separately into barrels half filled, straining through a sieve of fine mesh to keep out lumps. Stir constantly while using, or use a sprayer with an agitator attachment that really works. Make Bordeaux fresh each time it is needed, as it loses strength rapidly on standing for any length of time. To make Bordeaux that will adhere to smooth surfaces, such as scale-infested bark, rosin is added as follows: Melt five pounds of rosin with one pound of fish oil, then add one pound of soda lye as the rosin cools. Stir slowly into five gallons of water. Use as needed by adding two gallons to each 50 gallons of the ordinary Bordeaux mixture described above.

**LIME-SULPHUR:** Is made with eight to 10 pounds of unslaked lime, an equal amount of flowers of sulphur and 50 gallons of water. Place lime in a barrel, almost cover with water, and when it begins to slake add the sulphur which has previously been crushed and screened to remove lumps. Stir constantly, adding water to form a thick paste. Gradually thin the paste by adding more water as slaking proceeds. When the lime is well slaked, add more water to prevent further boiling or overcooking. When the mixture is cooled off it is ready to be strained into the spray tank, diluted to the required strength, and used.

## Steam Sterilization of Starting Beds

This practice is particularly suited to the first step in tobacco growing, but is adapted to disease prevention, weed eradication and insect control in starting frames used for other crops such as young garden truck. As generally employed in tobacco regions, the process consists of running live steam under pressure into a shallow pan inverted over the bed. The soil, preferably new land, is thoroughly worked and leveled ready for seeding. A galvanized iron pan, usually six feet by eight to 12 feet and about six inches deep, is placed upside-down over the bed and forced down into the ground until it fits snugly enough to keep the steam inside. Steam is then forced into the pan through a hose or pipe from a portable boiler or from an ordinary steam thrashing engine. The temperature is maintained at about 180 degrees for an hour or more. The pan is then moved and the process repeated until the whole bed has been treated. Tobacco growers figure that one rod of bed six feet wide will supply enough plants to plant an acre, and figure the size of the area treated according to this rule. Steam sterilization is effective in controlling such diseases as root rot; it also kills most of the weed seeds contained in the soil, making the tedious task of weeding unnecessary. Moreover, it does away with any insects or insect eggs which may have lived over winter in the soil. Since the operation is comparatively simple, can be done at a great saving in labor and expense later in the season, and at a relatively small cost to the farmer, it is a practice that is highly recommended and rapidly growing in popularity. There is no reason why it should not be used for many purposes besides the preparation of tobacco beds.

## Colony Houses, New or Repaired

Whether spring pigs will arrive in March or May, depending on region or the preference of the owner, makes little difference so far as the colony houses are concerned. We have learned by experience that if they are not put in order before the rush of spring work commences, or if new and much-needed ones are not built about this time, they are quite likely to be forgotten for the remainder of the season. As we have said before, now is the time.

In the first place, let us say that any kind of an individual movable colony house for the sow and pigs is far preferable to none at all. But each of the more common types, such as the Iowa gable roof, the wigwam type, and the ordinary A-type house, have some special feature that is highly desirable. We will not attempt to give the plans and specifications of each style of house, for these can readily be secured by asking for free bulletins from your state agricultural experiment station.

Here are a few suggestions that we have found well worth while: Fit each colony house with skids or "runners" made of 4-4 inch lumber rounded up slightly at the end. These make it easy to move the house from place to place with a ten hitched to a ring-bolt in the base-timbers. Fit one side of the roof to open with hinges like a door; the doors when open provide outside shade, and a glassed sash set in the opening will keep out rain. The sloping sides of a portable house provide protection for young pigs, preventing them from being crushed by the sow. Colony houses supply fresh air and exercise, reduce the dangers of disease, and make it possible to provide green pasture as needed. By the way, in selecting the site for the colony houses, it is well to locate them to the eastward or to the northeast of the main farm buildings, in this way avoiding the objectionable odors which arise from the premises of swine in warm weather. As a profitable and labor-saving way of handling brood sows and their litters, the colony house cannot be improved upon. Therefore the farmer will find it worth his while to put his old ones in good condition or to build new ones while he has time for the job.

## Spring Care of Pastures and Cows

Farmers who persist in turning their cattle out to pasture as soon as the new grass begins to show in the spring are "short churning" themselves in several ways, though they do not realize it. First, pastures cannot be kept in this kind of treatment; second, cows are certain to suffer from the sudden change. If pastures get a "square deal" I made, spring they will stand midsummer drought I multiply

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## Talks with Girls

Conducted by Cousin Marion

In writing this department always sign your true name and give your address; if not, your letter will receive no attention. Name will not be published.

**M**ARCH is such a busy, housecleaning month that I nearly forgot my family of girls. You didn't know that I had to clean house? Of course I have to. Old maids must live somewhere, you know, and a home is a home, even without a husband. While I was having a glorious soap-suds time I wondered how many of my girls helped their mothers when housecleaning time came around? Every mother's daughter of you, I hope. Don't worry about your hands. A little cold cream will make them look as well as before but nothing in the world can give you back your mother, once she is taken from you.

**A WYOMING CHICKEN.**—Maybe it isn't proper for a girl to go to the door and talk for a few minutes to her sweetheart when he is leaving, but they're always done it and I suppose they always will. I wouldn't take that privilege from them for all the world, even if I could. You see, I wasn't always an old maid and I can remember certain summer nights, a vine-shaded porch and a moon and—father's cough through the open window that meant it was time for me to come into the house. Ah me, if I had a sweetheart now we'd have to go out on the fire escape if we wanted to look at the moon, and if I were to accompany him to the door of the apartment house where I am living at present, we'd disturb the other tenants by our talking and I'd get reported to the janitor. And there wouldn't be a bit of privacy, either. You didn't know I was such a sentimental, soft-hearted old thing, did you? Well, I am, so I can't scold you, but don't stay too long.

**RUTH, W. Va.**—I can't force you to obey your foster mother if the care she has given you amounts to so little to you that you have no desire to obey. I don't know how you feel about it, but if I had been adopted by a kind woman and given a good home, instead of being left in an orphan's home or with people who might have been unkind to me, I'd be so grateful that I'd want to do everything just as she wished it. In time, doubtless, she will allow you more freedom but now she regards you as the little, friendless girl she took years ago, and she wants to care for you now just as she did then. Be a good sport, she was.

**E. G., Minnesota.**—Giving a fictitious name was merely a girlish prank and he should regard it as such when you tell him the truth, and not feel that you deliberately deceived him. If his love isn't big enough to overlook such a trifle then you don't want it or him either. Tell him yourself, though, and don't let him learn the truth from some well-meaning (?) friend.

**ME, Ohio.**—If I hadn't passed through the note-writing stage myself I might not be able to sympathize with the girl you mention, but she'll get over it and be none the worse for the experience, but I do hope she will be careful as to what she writes (See Troubled, Oregon). She has splendid ideas on all other lines. There should be plenty of opportunities for her to become acquainted with her schoolmates, and one in particular, and if he is interested he will make the opportunities. Don't accept so much candy; once in a while is all right. Too much candy is bad for the digestion and complexion; besides, it does terrible things to his pocket-book.

**M. O., Tennessee.**—My dear girl, if he really loved you he would believe you and not make such an unreasonable demand as proof of your purity. Next time he mentions it tell him you don't give a darn whether he believes you or not and ask him if he considers himself morally fit to judge you or any other girl and then tell him to go chase himself. Not elegant but forcible. Don't take him back unless he humbly asks forgiveness and maybe you'd better not, even then. His youth is the only mitigating thing about this offense. Were he older he'd know better. Don't bother with him, you have plenty of time in which to meet real men, for they still exist, though not plentiful.

**V. B., La.**—What in the world is the matter with the parents of the girl that wrote to me. Here's a fine pair that want to marry their sixteen-year-old daughter to a blind man of middle age, just because he has money. She says she can't afford to say "No," but I don't see how she can afford to say "Yes." Of course, I don't know the circumstances, but it seems you are justified in disobeying them.

**IDA, Virginia.**—Of course I think that love comes before riches, but I can't imagine a sensible girl, such as you seem to be, loving a man of twenty-seven who drinks and smokes but has no money. Perhaps if he hadn't drank he might not be so poor now. Unless a man has pretty much wasted his life and opportunities he should be established in business or in line for something worth while by the time he is that age. Furthermore, if he were the right kind of a man and in time gain the approval of your parents, instead of selfishly and cowardly asking you to elope with him. You are too young to marry now, anyway; but if he makes good in two or three years, and you still love him then, marriage ought not to be the mistake it would be now. The fact that he once drank and smoked should not be held against him then if he has stopped, particularly the drinking of intoxicating liquors, home brew included. I don't approve of smoking but at the same time I don't condemn a reasonable amount of it. It is much better to "do something desperate" now, as you fear you will because of your parents' objection to this marriage, than to marry him and really do something desperate. You are too pretty and clever to throw yourself away on him when there are plenty of regular fellows in the world. Take my advice and see if you aren't glad of it.

**Z. Y. X., Tennessee.**—Does your mother approve of your marriage? She understands home conditions only too well, and I think you'd better talk things over with her.

**V. F. B., Nebraska.**—Bless you, my children—that means I give my consent.

**TROUBLED, Oregon.**—I hope by this time you have recovered the papers that were taken from you. It was extremely dishonorable of your friend to take them and equally dishonorable of those who read them. You are fortunate inasmuch as you have learned "never to put on paper anything you'd be ashamed to have read in public." That's the good thing for everybody to follow, but older and wiser people than you have yet to learn it, and some of them never do. The newspapers would lose a lot of sales if they did. (2) You are not the one to worry over losing the friendship of a man with whom you used to dance because he had been drinking. He is one to do the worrying over losing your friendship. He should apologize to you for acting as he did.

**MARY.**—I'd give anything to have your trust. A girl that will write her love affairs in a card would tell them over a country telephone. You are years too young to marry. Wait until you are twenty.

**VELMA, Indiana.**—You need an education much more than you need a husband. You can always get a husband but your present opportunity for securing an education may not last; therefore, make the most of it. You say your parents are good to you and give you a good home. Don't you think you should show your appreciation by obeying their wishes? I do.

**PEGGY, Indiana.**—No wonder he tries to tease you, for he is just a mischievous little boy, and you are just a little girl and years too young to be in love. Jealous people are always unhappy, so now is the time to break yourself of a jealous disposition. Don't let it grow stronger. If "D" realized that you didn't care how much he looked at, or talked to, other girls, there wouldn't be half the fun in doing it. Indifference will gain more than tears or reproaches. Remember that when you are old enough to have love affairs.

**KATHARENE, Ark.**—When a girl says she loves two men and asks me which one she had better marry, it

is a safe bet that she shouldn't marry either of them. That applies to you, Katharene.

**SOMEBODY'S SWEETHEART, Michigan.**—Read answer to Peggy of Indiana, regarding jealousy.

**BLUE EYES, Minn.**—You must have a very strange mother to want you, at the tender age of thirteen, to marry a man of twenty-eight, just because he is rich. You are too young to go away to work, but don't get married, either.

**N. AND E., North Carolina.**—If I should tell you a sure method by which you could determine which of you the boys like best I'd take away your chief source of amusement, so I'm not going to do it. Think of all the fun you'd miss, wondering which was the best liked. (2) Don't accept jewelry.

**MARY FRANCES.**—You are years too young to marry, four or five years, anyway.

**BLUE EYES, Ark.**—Opinions differ as to jealousy. I guess most of us are a bit jealous where our affections are concerned. You are rather young to marry, but if you have no parents or home, and are working for other people, marrying might be a good thing. It's a pretty serious proposition, though, so think it over carefully.

**BLUE EYES AND CURLY HAIR, Indiana.**—In the first place, your father shouldn't have allowed you to go to a public dance, at your age, fourteen, and if you went automobiling after the dance he should blame himself as much as he blamed you. He's somewhat of a failure as a father, I'll say. Tell him so. (2) Don't worry. I don't believe the same fellow will give you another opportunity to bite his finger. He won't try to hug and kiss you again. If another fellow tries it, bite him, too, and more power to you.

**TEDDIE, S. C.**—As I've said before, don't disturb anyone at his place of business, unless for something of extreme importance. Don't telephone, either. Many a young man's chance of promotion has been ruined by too many visitors and telephone calls—chiefly feminine, and a feminine telephone call is a terrible thing. They never stop talking.

**BROWN-EYED CORIE, Kans.**—You are too sensitive. He meant it as a joke. Extremely sensitive people are always unhappy. They imagine that slights were meant when none was intended. Don't grow up like that. Life is too short.

That's all for this time. Good by.

COUSIN MARION.

## Missing Relatives and Friends

For the convenience of its subscribers, COMFORT reopens the Missing Relatives and Friends column. To the readers of COMFORT is extended the privilege of inserting three-line notices in this column if they will secure only one new yearly subscription to COMFORT at 50c. If you wish to find a missing relative or friend you can insert a three-line notice containing not over 22 words in this column by securing only one new subscription at 50c. If a longer notice is required send one 50c subscription for each additional seven words.

I would like to know the whereabouts of James G. Coon, 40 years old, getting gray, limps in right leg, six feet tall, weighs about 180 pounds. He was a drummer. Last heard of, he spent the night and registered at the Haganback Hotel, in Los Angeles, Calif. Write his mother, Mrs. Julia Warren, Dyersburg, 222 East Court St., Tenn.

Mrs. Alice Conard, Ithaca, Mich., will be glad to receive any information of her brother, George Albert Wheatley, last heard of in Galveston, Texas.

Would like the address of anyone knowing the whereabouts of any of James Davis' relatives, who left Wayne County, W. Va., after Civil War. Gladys Davis, Eden, Idaho.

Eld. Henry J. Lyles, Adolphus, Ky., would like to find the whereabouts of his daughter, Bessie C. Married G. W. White, 1912. They had a world traveling job.

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Clarence Brown (or Brunet), age 19 years, last heard of at Dale, Okla., June, 1920, please write his aunt, Mrs. Martha Cowell, Holcomb, R. R. 1, Box 74, Mo.

Mrs. Lula Linsley, Low Moor, Va., would like to know something of Mrs. Julia Kincaid, wife of Dr. Willis Kincaid. She lived in Indiana or Illinois.

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Mrs. Sarah Carlin or daughters, Rose or Katie Carlin, last heard of in Coboes, N. Y., 1881, please notify their cousin, Mrs. G. E. Duryea, Centerville, S. Dak.

Mrs. C. M. Gribble, Topeka, 415 Larch St., Kans., would like to hear from her brother, Richard Rhodes, about 80 years of age.

Wanted: Information of Valerie Savings, last heard of at Holyoke, Mass. Sister of Charles and Henry Savings. Mrs. L. M. Nagawiecki, LaPorte, 815 D St., Indiana.

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of John Beasley, last heard of somewhere in Texas, on the Brazos River, in 1888-89. Any information will be gladly received by his nephew, Francis A. Beasley, Arlton, R. R. 2, Ala.

Wish to know the whereabouts of Luther Carter, last heard of in the State of Washington. Susie F. Hawn, Lansing, Tenn.

Mrs. H. McDowell, Wellman, R. R. 2, Box 90, Iowa, wishes information regarding the whereabouts of her son, William, 41 years old, gray hair, five feet, four inches. Last heard of on his way home; think he may be in Nebraska.

Wanted: To find Miss Ethel Chapman, living with her father, W. L. Chapman; she is about 19 at this time. Write to her mother, Mrs. Anna Whiting, Fort Smith, 610 N. 5th St., Ark.

Wanted: To hear from Martha Booker. Is native of Tennessee. She worked at Peerless Paper Co., of Dayton, Ohio, finishing room, in 1918. Address Farmer, Dayton, care of Box 266, R. R. 16, Ohio.

Wanted: Information of Fannie or Levi Gorman, of Missouri; John Gorman, of Iowa. Hattie Johnson, Delano, Box 23, R. R. 3, Minn.

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Ed Israel, last heard from in Knoxville, Tenn., May, 1920, please notify his mother, Mrs. Melvie Israel, Canton, R. R. 1, North Carolina.

I, formerly Katy Gibson, now Mrs. Catherine Craven, born in Alabama, was separated from my brothers, Henry and David Gibson, in Cairo, Ill., nearly 50 years ago after the death of our parents. All of us were children at that time. I desire to find either or both brothers, if now living, or to get any information as to what has become of them. Mrs. C. Craven, Birdville, Box 122, Pa.

Young Jack was talking to the new visitor soon after her arrival. He eyed her critically for a few moments, then looked up and said: "So you're my grandmother, are you?" "Yes, dear. On your father's side," remarked the old lady, smiling. "Well, you're on the wrong side; you'll find that out," replied Jack.—Ladies' Home Journal.

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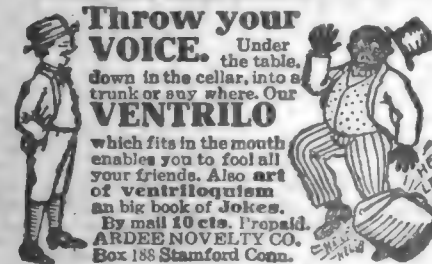


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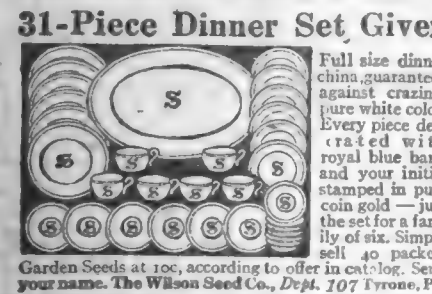
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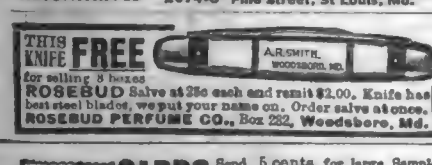
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## The Modern Farmer

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feed when needed. For pastures on work land in the regular rotation, a light top dressing of stable manure given early in the spring has been found to be highly beneficial not only to the grass crop during the ensuing season but to any other farm crops that follow during the next two years. Wheat, for instance, yields practically the same bushels in this way as if the manure was applied just before it was planted. Therefore manure used as a top dressing for pastures serves the double purpose of benefiting the pasture itself and the crops that follow, and the farmer "kills two birds with one stone." Old meadows or permanent pastures respond favorably to the same treatment if the manure is evenly and lightly spread early in the season.

There are several good reasons why cows show a setback when suddenly turned out to pasture after spending the winter in a warm and comfortable barn with a regular allotment of nourishing feed night and morning. Do not misunderstand us as "knocking" grass as a feed for cows; it is Nature's balanced ration, and cannot well be improved upon. But the needs and the stamina of cows has changed with the advance in civilization; and therefore we find that sometimes pasture alone does not answer all purposes.

In the first place, sudden changes are not good for the milk cow, as any dairyman will admit. Cows fall off in milk flow if changed from one barn or farm to another; even a change of winter feed or of milkers is often followed by a drop in production. The change from good winter feed to poor pasture too early in the season has the same result, and is frequently accompanied by scouring. Make the change to pasture as gradual as possible, allowing cattle only a few hours a day at first, then slowly increasing the time over a period of two weeks. Do not think that you are saving feeding costs, that you are economical, if you shift suddenly from barn feeding to pasture. Measured in money returns, you are not. Be sure that pastures have made a good start before cows are turned out. This will assure a good stand of grass and a longer pasture period. To prevent scouring which is caused by the lushness of new grass, feed one to one and one half pounds of cotton-seed cake or meal daily for a week or two, beginning with one-half pound and increasing slowly.

Where the size of the farm permits it, try to set aside one pasture for summer use, and use another for early spring; in this way the first one will be ready again by fall. Also provide a night pasture of from five to 10 acres, depending on the number of head you keep. Have it located conveniently to the barn; it saves a lot of time and cow-hunting in the early morning before milking time. Make it a rule to use this pasture at night and then only. Do not use it as a bull paddock in the daytime, or as a handy place to turn work horses when not in use. If it is kept for the cows alone, and used just at night, it will have grass enough to serve all summer, and will be found well worth while in a number of ways.

If these points are kept in mind, pastures and cows will both be benefited. Fall fresh cows will pick up in milk flow on good grass in the spring and, for that matter, any cow will show increased production due to the succulent feed, but the good results are often offset by neglecting to make the change gradual. Avoid scours and setbacks; give pastures a chance to get started; give cows time to get used to the change. Don't rush the season.

### March or May Pigs—Which?

"If you have a warm place to put them, have your spring pigs come in March by all means," says Prof. J. H. Sheppard, of the North Dakota Experiment Station. Giving reasons to back up his statements, he continues:

"March pigs well cared for will have made sufficient size to enable them to make the most of alfalfa pasture when they are turned out, but May pigs will still be nursing at that time."

"March pigs will be the right size to start hogging down corn by the time it is grazed; May pigs gain much more slowly and must have tankage or oilmeal if they are to do anywhere near as well as March pigs when they are turned out on corn."

"March pigs will be large enough to bring the top price on the early market, and will be out of the way before cold weather starts. May pigs must be kept well into the winter when gains come more slowly and at an increased cost. May pigs will weigh only about 150 pounds if turned off ahead of this time, and that is too light to meet the usual best market demand."

"In experiments we have made here, 300 pounds of gain or better from an acre of hogged-down corn with March-farrowed pigs have resulted. This brought a return of \$45.50 in 1918, when hogs sold for 16.31 cents a pound. In 1921 the return was \$23 per acre of corn when we sold from seven cents per pound."

Judging from the foregoing statement, it appears that March pigs are a better business proposition than May pigs, for the colder regions of the Northwest, and any rate.

### Questions and Answers

SOIL FOR ASPARAGUS.—Several years ago I tried to get an asparagus bed started but had little luck. Will you please tell me what is the best kind of soil for asparagus; also the best variety to get. A. W. Mich.

A.—In general, asparagus does best in a deep, rich sandy loam rich in humus and having a loose and friable subsoil. Good drainage is equally as essential as a fertile soil. Probably the most popular variety of asparagus is the Palmetto, as it is a heavy yielder, quite hardy and produces early sprouts of fine quality. In this department last month we printed an article devoted to this subject giving detailed instructions on asparagus culture.

SOY BEAN STRAW FOR ROUGHAGE.—I have a lot of soy bean straw on hand and would like to know what value it has as a feed for milk cows. Is it as good as corn stover? B. C. E., Kentucky.

A.—A ration containing soy bean straw was found to be superior to a ration with corn stover, according to experiments conducted by the Tennessee Experiment Station. Soy bean straw produced more milk and butterfat than corn stover, and did so more cheaply. Therefore soy bean straw can be recommended as a valuable addition to the roughage ration of dairy cows, though we suggest that it be used with either clover or alfalfa hay.

CHARCOAL FOR LAWN DRESSING.—I have been advised that ground charcoal applied as a top dressing to my lawn will serve better than ground lime as a means of getting rid of moss, weeds and coarse grasses. Kindly let me know if this is true, and if so at what rate it should be applied, and when. Mrs. J. E. J., Mass.

A.—We are not aware of any benefit you can derive from topdressing your lawn with ground charcoal. It has no manurial value and is a very inactive or inert substance. A dressing of ground lime might be beneficial if it is sour. As a rule lawns require a good liberal dressing of barnyard manure, well rotted and evenly distributed in late fall or early spring. Acid phosphate fertilizer has also given very satisfactory results. If you feed your lawn grass liberally it will soon outgrow moss and weeds.

# How I Made \$1150 in Eleven Months —Right in My Own Home

My spare-time earnings made the first payment on our home. We plan to pay the rest the same way. Read how simple it is to turn spare hours into dollars.

By MRS. FRANK UNGER

WHEN we were first married, my husband and I used to make a little game of paying the household bills. Every Saturday afternoon as regular as clock work, I got out the bills, and he produced his check book and settled up with everybody. We used to call it "wiping the slate clean." Back in those days there was always plenty of cash to meet the bills, and maybe enough left over for a couple of theatre tickets or a little outing.

Then by and by we began to notice that somehow there wasn't any surplus. Prices were increasing and my husband began to look grave as he drew the checks. I too was worried.

Our expenses were steadily increasing. My husband's wages were hardly enough to meet the household accounts, to say nothing of clothing. And so things ran along for months, with us pinching and skimping and trying desperately to break even.

I began wondering what I could do to help. Surely there must be something. To go out and work was impossible, because I had a four months old baby to care for.

### How COULD I Make Money?

There was just one thing for me. I must find some sort of home work that would pay good wages. What could I do?

I began looking in the magazines and newspapers for some sort of paying home work. I used to get mightily discouraged in my search for nothing came of it.

Then, one day I opened the paper to look for work, as usual. And on one of the pages this headline caught my eye:

"How I Make Money Right at Home." Of course I started to read, and soon I was real excited. It was about a woman whose husband got a small salary—hardly enough for them to live on with everything so expensive. She wanted to make extra money just as bad as I did. But she had two little children so she couldn't do any paying work unless she could find something to do at home. It was my situation exactly.

Then it went on to tell how at last she did find profitable home work—making socks on a hand knitting machine, and how the company paid her for making them, and furnished replacement yarn for each lot of standard socks she sent in.

The name of the firm was the Auto-Knitter Hosiery Company, and they were located at Buffalo, N. Y. I wrote a letter to the company, asking for their free information. In just a few days I had a reply telling me all about the machine, and the details of their home work proposition. And then I was more enthusiastic than ever.

My husband was doubtful about it. But finally he said: "Your judgment is usually pretty good. If you really believe you can make money with an Auto-Knitter, why send and get one."

### How I Started

And that is exactly what I did. I sent the order just as fast as I could. Then pretty soon my knitter arrived. I often think now how simple it was to learn to run my Auto-Knitter when I sat down and went at it with the Instruction Book as my guide. If I had done this more carefully when I first received my machine, I should have made a perfect sock much quicker than I did. The book makes everything so clear.

I submitted the first faultless sock I made to the Auto-Knitter Hosiery Company. They said it was fine and they would buy all I could make like it. I was as happy as a lark! At last I had a way to make money without leaving my home and baby.

Well, I started to work then in real earnest, putting in every minute I could spare from my housework. The first week I made only one dozen pairs, but the next week I made two dozen, and went on increasing until I could make twelve dozen pairs a week in my spare time. And all the while checks from the Auto-Knitter Hosiery Company kept coming in for each lot of standard socks I sent them. I think the pay for this home work is wonderful. I love my work more each week. And the beauty of it is that I don't have to keep regular hours. I can knit whenever I have a few moments to spare, besides taking care of my baby and doing the housework.

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Just imagine what it has meant to us to have more than \$100.00 "extra" money coming in each month. And now we are realizing the dream of a lifetime—a little cottage of our own. Our Auto-Knitter has made it possible. To those who want to make extra money at home in their spare time, I heartily recommend the Auto-Knitter. There is nothing like it.

Mrs. Frank Unger, New York

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Perhaps you haven't even as much spare time as Mrs. Unger. It may be that you can devote only a few moments at a time to the work. But, as Mrs. Unger points out, you can pick up the work at any time, knit as long as you wish, and leave your machine when it is necessary to do something else. Auto-Knitting will pay you directly in proportion to the time you spend at it.

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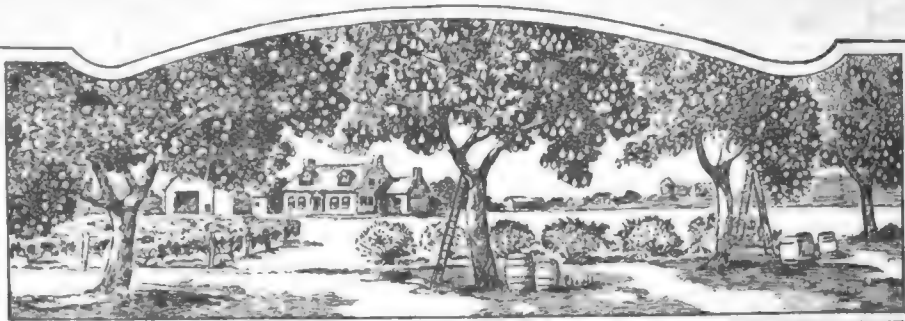


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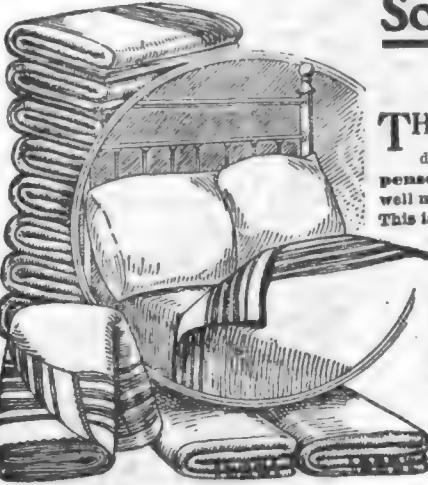
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THIS IS an offer which no good housewife can afford to overlook. It is your opportunity to secure many large double bed blankets as you may need without a cent of expense. They are 45 inches wide, six feet in length, extremely well made and finely finished. The color is gray with white border. This is in reality one of the best bargains in a premium we have ever offered due to the fact that we buy these blankets in large quantities direct from the mill at a specially low price and therefore are enabled to offer them for a very small club of subscriptions. When you think of this big warm blanket on your bed or lying on a closet shelf ready for use when wanted, we believe that you will want to start a club at once for the sake of securing one or more of them free of all cost to you. We will gladly send you one or more of these splendid blankets upon the terms of the following

**Club Offer.** For a club of only eight one-year subscriptions to COMFORT at 50 cents each, we will send you one of these fine double bed blankets free by Parcel Post prepaid. Reward No. 7578.

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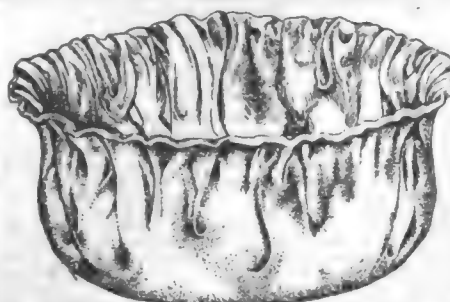


### Shaggy Teddy Bear

EVERY little boy and girl wants a Teddy Bear and here is an opportunity for every father or mother who reads COMFORT to get one without expense. "Teddy" is a plump, shaggy fellow, 10 inches tall, made of brown plush, carefully stitched and finished, and his head and legs are jointed in such a manner that you can place him in almost any position. He will stand up, sit down, stand on his head, walk on all fours, in fact he gets himself into all kinds of positions, so comical and lifelike that it makes the children scream with delight just to look at him. Teddy is so well made that he cannot easily become broken, and with ordinary care should last for years. We will send you Teddy free if you will accept the following special offer:

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## Silver Bonbon Dish

THIS beautiful dish can be used for a variety of purposes—for candy, nuts, salted peanuts, popcorn, etc. It is much larger than it appears in the above illustration, measuring over five inches in width and two inches deep. It is heavily silver plated outside and gold lined. Needless to say, it makes a handsome ornament for the sideboard and will last a lifetime.

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HUNDREDS of new, lovely designs for COMFORT crochet workers. The very latest patterns in edges, beakings, insertions and laces, crocheted and knitted sweaters, all with complete directions and illustrated by large, clear photographs of the finished work. Each book is 8 by 11 inches in size, printed on the finest paper, handsomely and durably bound. Following is a brief description of what each book contains:

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**BOOK NO. 21.**—Fifty-seven pretty designs in edges and insertions.

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**BOOK NO. 23.**—Seventeen alphabets in various styles and sizes.

**BOOK NO. 24.**—Fifteen artistic yokes.

**BOOK NO. 25.**—How to make knitted and crocheted ripple sweaters and jackets with and without sleeves.

**BOOK NO. 26.**—Thirteen lovely new yokes in knit and fancy crochet.

**BOOK NO. 27.**—How to make twelve elaborate medallion arrangements in canisoles and yokes.

**BOOK NO. 28.**—How to make knit sweaters, illustrating fourteen handsome designs.

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**BOOK NO. 31.**—A book of "spiders," showing this antique design in all its many variations.

**BOOK NO. 32.**—Fourteen knit crochet sweaters in light and heavy threads.

**Free Offer No. 8591.** For one one-year subscription (not your own) to COMFORT at 50 cents we will send you any three of the above books free and postpaid. Please be sure to give the number of each book wanted.

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## Sugar, Creamer And Tray



MADE of "crushed" silver—the very latest idea. Sugar, Creamer and Tray are full standard size. The Tray is quadruple silver plated and both Sugar and Creamer are quadruple silver plated outside and gold lined inside. A very useful set and a beautiful ornament for the dining table or sideboard.

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## Gold Birthstone Rings

THE most popular ladies' rings worn today are these beautiful birthstone rings. Not only is it considered lucky to wear one of them but they are now and always will be exceedingly stylish. We are able to illustrate only three of the rings but there are twelve in all—a different stone for each month of the year, and of course you should wear the stone that is symbolic of the month you were born. The following is a list of the twelve rings, names of the stones and the month to which they apply:

No. 8411, January, Garnet. No. 8412, February, Amethyst. No. 8413, March, Bloodstone. No. 8414, April, Diamond. No. 8415, May, Emerald. No. 8416, June, Agate. No. 8417, July, Ruby. No. 8418, August, Sardonyx. No. 8419, September, Sapphire. No. 8501, October, Opal. No. 8511, November, Topaz. No. 8521, December, Turquoise.

Each ring is guaranteed genuine gold filled, which looks exactly like solid gold and will wear for years. In fact we absolutely guarantee each ring for at least five years. The rings themselves are perfectly plain, the stones are solitaires and perfect imitations of the real gems. The setting of each ring is the ever popular "Tiffany" style. As a Christmas, Birthday or all-the-year-round gift for wife, mother, sweetheart or sister, nothing could be more appropriate and acceptable than one of these beautiful guaranteed rings set with the birthstone of the person to whom it is given. We will send you one of these rings free upon the terms of the following offer:

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## Ends Stubborn Coughs in a Hurry

For real effectiveness, this old home-made remedy has no equal. Easily and cheaply prepared.

You'll never know how quickly a bad cough can be conquered, until you try this famous old home-made remedy. Anyone who has coughed all day and all night, will say that the immediate relief given is almost like magic. It is very easily prepared, and there is nothing better for coughs.

Into a pint bottle, put 2½ ounces of Pinex; then add plain granulated sugar syrup to make a full pint. Or you can use clarified molasses, honey, or corn syrup, instead of sugar syrup. Either way, the full pint saves about two-thirds of the money usually spent for cough preparations, and gives you a more positive, effective remedy. It keeps perfectly, and tastes pleasant—children like it.

You can feel this take hold instantly, soothing and healing the membranes in all the air passages. It promptly loosens a dry, tight cough, and soon you will notice the phlegm thin out and disappear. A day's use will usually break up an ordinary throat or chest cold, and it is also splendid for bronchitis, croup, hoarseness, and bronchial asthma.

Pinex is a most valuable concentrated compound of genuine Norway pine extract, the most reliable remedy for throat and chest ailments.

To avoid disappointment, ask your druggist for "2½ ounces of Pinex" with directions and don't accept anything else. Guaranteed to give absolute satisfaction or money refunded. The Pinex Co., Ft. Wayne, Ind.



## Beautiful Silk Remnants

REMNANTS of real silk, in all shapes, sizes and colors. They are carefully trimmed and just what you need for making up quilts, ties, pillow tops and all kinds of "cray patchwork." We will send you a package containing more than one hundred of these beautiful silk pieces and 5 skeins embroidery cotton in different bright colors, also an instruction book with eight full-page illustrations showing how to ornament seams of crazy patchwork and other work where fancy stitches are used, also how to work the Outline and Kensington Stitch, Arrasene and Chenille Embroidery, ribbon work, plush or tufted stitch, also directions for Kensington painting. All this is yours free upon the terms of the following special offer:

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## All Metal Hot Water Bottle

COMFORT housewives who know the danger of using hot water bottles or bags that are liable to burst or leak will quickly realize the many advantages of this new patented all-metal bottle. It is made of finest nickel-plated brass—absolutely no rubber about it to dry up or chip off. It cannot be punctured and will not leak. It is the only bottle in which boiling water can be safely used. It can be heated hotter and stays hot longer than any other bottle. It gives a dry, healthy heat. It can be used every day and all day long. It holds two pints, comes in a soft, warm blue-flannel removable cover and has an attachable handle for filling and carrying, so as not to burn the hands. A hot water bottle like this should be in every home. Not only is it indispensable in time of illness and emergency, but whenever extra warmth is needed for the body—between the sheets on winter nights, for the nursery, on the sleeping porch, in baby's carriage, for sleighing or motor trips, it is a wonderful comfort, an absolute necessity. It will never wear out. It will last a lifetime if given ordinary care.

You can have one of these splendid hot water bottles free by accepting the following special Club Offer. For a club of four one-year subscriptions to COMFORT at 50 cents each we will send you this all-metal hot water bottle exactly as described, free by parcel post prepaid. Reward No. 8044.

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## Poems Requested

The following poems have been requested by readers of COMFORT and sent for publication.

### Guilty or Not Guilty?

She stood at the bar of justice,  
A creature wan and wild,  
In form too small for a woman,  
In feature too old for a child.  
For a look so wan and pathetic  
Was stamped on that fair, young face,  
It seemed long years of suffering  
Must have left their silent trace.

"Your name?" said the judge, as he eyed her  
With kindly look, yet keen.  
"Is Mary Maguire, if you please, sir."  
"And your age?" "I have turned 18."  
"Well, Mary," and then from a paper  
He slowly and gravely read,  
"You are charged here, I am sorry to say it,  
With stealing three loaves of bread."

"You look not like an offender,  
And I trust that you can show  
The charge to be false; now tell me,  
Are you guilty of this or no?"  
A passionate burst of weeping  
Was at first her sole reply.  
But she dried her tears in a moment,  
And looked in the judge's eye.

"I will tell you just how it was, sir;  
My father and mother are dead,  
And my little brothers and sisters  
Were hungry and asked me for bread.  
At first I earned it for them  
By working hard all day,  
But somehow times were hard, sir,  
And the work all fell away."

"I could get no more employment,  
The weather was bitter cold,  
The young ones cried and shivered,  
Little Johnnie's but three years old;  
So, what was I to do, sir?  
I am guilty; but do not condemn;  
I took, oh, was it stealing?  
The bread to give to them."

Every man in the courtroom,  
Graybeard and thoughtless youth,  
Knew as they looked upon her  
That the prisoner spoke the truth.  
Out from their pockets came kerchiefs,  
And out from their eyes came tears,  
And out from old faded wallets  
Treasures hoarded for years.

The judge's face was a study,  
The strangest you ever saw,  
As he cleared his throat and murmured  
Something about the law.  
For one so learned in such matters,  
So wise in dealing with men,  
He seemed on a simple question  
Sorely puzzled just then.

But no one blamed him or wondered,  
When at length these words were heard,  
"The sentence of this young prisoner  
Is for the present deferred."  
And no one blamed him or wondered  
When he went to her and smiled,  
And tenderly led from the courtroom  
Himself—the guilty child.

### You Look Better When You Smile

"When you're feeling mighty blue,  
As misfortune comes to you,  
And all luck seems shaped about you in a pile;  
You will stand a greater show  
If you don't let others know  
And besides you look much better when you smile."

"When your business all goes wrong,  
Just keep plodding right along,  
Better times are surely coming after while;  
Sun is sure to shine again,  
Cheerfulness is not in vain,  
And you look a great deal better when you smile."

"When your health seems broken down,  
Don't sit by to scowl and frown,  
Pessimism long ago dropped out of style;  
Let your heart give forth good cheer,  
Scatter sunshine far and near,  
For you look a whole lot better when you smile."

### Where's Mother?

When father came from work at night,  
Before he'd wash his hands and face,  
Or hang his hat upon the peg,  
His glance would wander 'round the place,  
And if dear mother's sunny head  
Was not within his vision's ken  
He'd search for her from room to room,  
Upstairs and down and all, and then  
He'd stop and ask,  
"Where's mother?"

But if he found her in her chair,  
He'd pester off about the lot,  
And pick a mess of early greens,  
Or fix a chicken for the pot;  
He'd mend a fence, or set a hen,  
Or do some other homely chore,  
With only now and then a glance  
Toward the half-open kitchen door  
That seemed to ask,  
"Where's mother?"

When mother left us sorrowing  
He followed her within a day;  
And while we laid white flowers around  
His smooth-brushed hair, as white as they,  
We could but think that when the light  
And beauty of that wondrous place  
Burst on his newly-quickened gaze,  
He must have raised an eager face  
And simply asked:  
"Where's mother?"

### Live in the Sunshine

Live in the sunshine, don't live in the gloom,  
Carry some gladness the way to illumine.

Live in the brightness, and take this to heart,  
The world will be gay if you do your part.

Live on the house-top, not down in the cell;  
Open-air Christmas live nobly and well.

Live where the joys are, and, scorning defeat,  
Have a good-morrow for all whom you meet.

Live as a victor, and triumphing go  
Through the queer world, beating down every foe.

Live in the sunshine, God meant it for you,  
Live as the robins, and sing the day through.

—Margaret E. Sangster.

## NOT MORE THAN ONE FREE TRIAL BOTTLE TO ANY FAMILY

I will send anyone anywhere one free Bottle of my Syrup Pepsin—What is Your Address?

THERE is someone in every family who is constipated, bilious, dyspeptic. They need my Syrup Pepsin and will be better off for using it. It may be a woman, an old man, a tiny baby. Syrup Pepsin is as effective for grownups as it is safe for babies. Thousands of mothers can testify to that.

Perhaps you have reached the stage where you take pills every night and think there is nothing else for you to do. Don't believe it! No matter how chronically constipated or dyspeptic you are, Syrup Pepsin will regulate you. It is a combination of simple laxative herbs with pepsin that acts on the stomach and intestines, and in a short time trains the digestive organs to do their work naturally and without help.

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I know what old people suffer with their bowels for I have been a family physician in my county since 1875, and I am old myself, past 82 years of age; born 1839, and still strong. I don't know of a remedy that is better for old people than my Syrup Pepsin, and I'll tell you why: It is mild and gentle in action; it doesn't gripe, and it doesn't lose its effect when you take it regularly. I know this by using it myself, by prescribing it since 1875 and by manufacturing it since 1892. You can form your own opinion by sending for a free trial bottle.

### WHO NEEDS SYRUP PEPSIN

I want to send a free trial bottle of my Syrup Pepsin to anyone who suffers from one or more of the following: Constipation, indigestion, dyspepsia, biliousness, headache, belching, bad taste, bad breath, dizziness, drowsiness and the



DR. W. B. CALDWELL  
"As I Am To-day"

many other symptoms of sluggish bowels. If you have children who suffer in this way write for them.

### SEND FOR A FREE TRIAL BOTTLE

In spite of the fact that my Syrup Pepsin is on sale in every drug store, I want you to become acquainted with it at my expense, and then, if you find it as I claim, buy it of your nearest dealer at a price that will stand you about a cent a dose. One such bottle will last an average family many months. Just now send me your name and address in any way most convenient to yourself, by filling out the coupon below, by postal or letter. I have given many thousands of these bottles away and I know you will appreciate it as keenly as others have. Address me today.

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I want to try your Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. Kindly send a free trial bottle to the address below, all charges prepaid.

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### Little Boy Blue

Eugene Field, journalist and poet, was born in St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 3, 1850, and died at Buena Vista, Chicago, Ill., Nov. 4, 1895.

The little toy dog is covered with dust,  
But sturdy and staunch he stands;  
And the little toy soldier is red with rust,  
And his musket molds in his hands.  
Time was when the little toy dog was new  
And the soldier was passing fair,  
And that was the time when our little Boy Blue  
Kissed them and put them there.

"Now don't you go till I come," he said,  
"And don't you make any noise;"  
So toddling off to his trundle bed,  
He dreamt of the pretty toys.  
And as he was dreaming an angel song  
Awakened our Little Boy Blue—  
Oh, the years are many, the years are long,  
But the little toy friends are true.

Ay, faithful to Little Boy Blue they stand,  
Each in the same old place,  
Awaiting the touch of a little hand,  
The smile of a little face.  
And they wonder, as waiting these long years through,  
In the dust of that little chair,  
What has become of our Little Boy Blue  
Since he kissed them and put them there.

—Eugene Field.

### Which Loved Best?

"I love you, mother," said Little John,  
Then, forgetting his work, his cap went on,  
And he was off to the garden swing,  
And left her the water and wood to bring.

"I love you, mother," said rosy Nell,  
"I love you better than tongue can tell."  
Then she teased and pouted full half the day,  
Till her mother rejoiced when she went to play.

"I love you, mother," said little Fan;  
"Today I'll help you all I can."  
How glad I am school doesn't keep!"  
So she rocked the babe till it fell asleep.

Then, stepping softly, she fetched the broom  
And swept the floor and tidied the room.  
Busy and happy all day was she;  
Helpful and happy as child could be.

"I love you, mother," again they said,  
Three little children going to bed.  
How do you think that mother guessed  
Which of them really loved her best?

### When Grandma Danced the Minuet

Grandma told me all about it—  
Told me so I couldn't doubt it—  
How she danced, my grandma danced,  
Long ago.

How her dainty skirts she spread,  
How she held her pretty head,  
Turning out her little toes,  
Long ago.

Grandma's hair was bright and sunny;  
Dimpled cheeks, too—ah, how funny!  
Really quite a pretty girl,  
Long ago.

Bless her! Why, she wears a cap,  
Grandma does, and takes a nap  
Every single day, and yet  
Grandma danced the minuet,  
Long ago.

Modern ways are quite alarming,  
Grandma says; but boys were charming—  
Girls and boys, I mean, of course,  
Long ago.

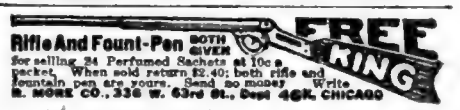
Brave, but modest, grandly shy;  
She would like to have us try,  
Just to feel like those who met  
In the graceful minuet,  
Long ago.



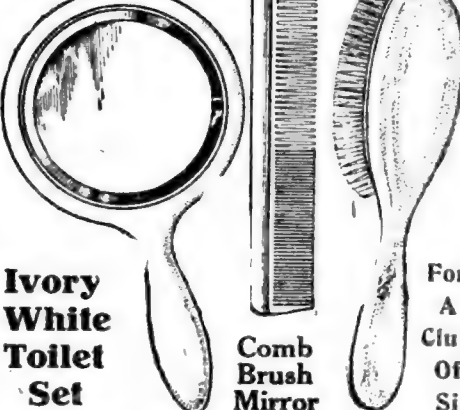
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PURE white, with a fine smooth finish, this handsome Comb, Brush and Mirror Set equals in appearance the finest French Ivory. The Comb is 7½ inches long, very light and dainty, with both coarse and fine teeth. The Brush is 10 inches long and 2½ inches wide, with medium-length, finest, stiff bristles. The Mirror, which measures 10x5½ inches, is made of heavy, flawless, beveled French glass, 4½ inches in diameter.

No lady could wish for a finer Toilet Set than this one. It has the air of refinement found in the highest grade Ivory Sets. It is just as durable and can be cleaned as often as desired without injury to its smooth ivory white finish.

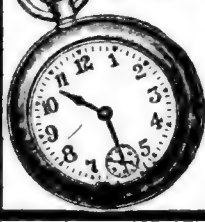
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**Given To You!** For six one-year subscriptions to COMFORT at 50c each, we will send you this Comb, Brush and Mirror Set in a fitted box, free, by parcel post, prepaid. Reward No. 7196.

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She  
Is  
Looking  
For A  
Mother



## "Peggy" The New Winter Doll

PEGGY first saw the light of day in New York like the big city with its noise and confusion and was mighty glad to come to Maine on a brief vacation before looking for a permanent home somewhere in the country.

Do  
You  
Want  
Her?

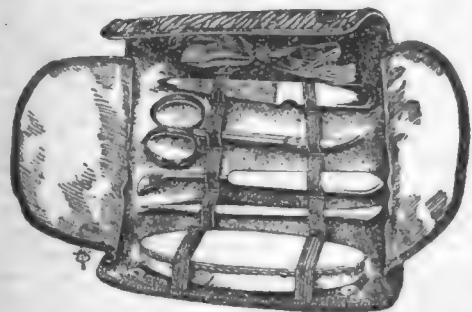
She doesn't care where she lives so long as it is in some cozy little town or on a nice, big farm, and provided she can find some little girl who will be a kind mother to her. She just loves the horses and cows and doggies and kitties and—yes, even the little "piggies" make her laugh until she can hardly stand up.

Peggy says that life on the farm is the only life for her, so we want to give her to some little girl who lives on a farm, where she can romp and play to her heart's content and be happy all day long. Please remember, however, that we have but a limited number of these Dolls on hand and if you want one your order should be sent in at once.

A New York manufacturer who wanted to keep his help busy during the dull season sold us these Dolls at about one-half the regular wholesale price, so we are enabled to give them away for almost nothing.

**Given To You!** For one one-year subscription (not your own) to COMFORT at 50 cents we will send you "Peggy" free by parcel post prepaid. Reward No. 8621. Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

## French Ivory Manicure Set In A Roll-Up Leather Case



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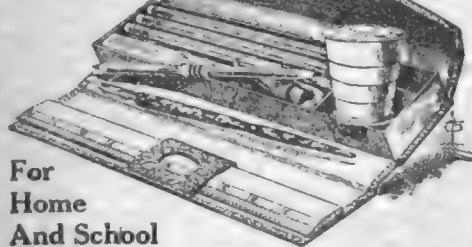
A PRACTICAL and beautiful set, containing everything necessary for the proper care of the nails. It consists of a 5-inch flexible polished steel nail file, a pair of 3 1/4-inch polished steel curved nail scissors, a 4-inch cuticle knife with French Ivory handle, a 4-inch French Ivory nail stick, and a 1/4-inch nail polisher or buffer with French Ivory Top. All these articles are neatly contained in a moire-lined, genuine leather case, measuring 6 1/2 inches wide and 6 inches from end to end when opened. The case rolls up as shown in illustration, and fastens with two snap clasps. In this form it resembles a miniature pocketbook, and is just as convenient to carry, as it measures only 5 1/2 x 2 inches and only 1 inch in thickness.

Although we offer this Manicure Set for an unusually small club, please understand that each and every piece is strictly high grade and regulation size. We know that every woman and girl who accepts this offer and earns one of these splendid Sets will be more than delighted with it. It is free on the terms of the following offer.

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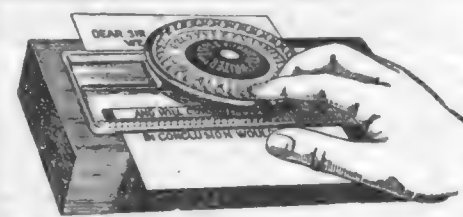
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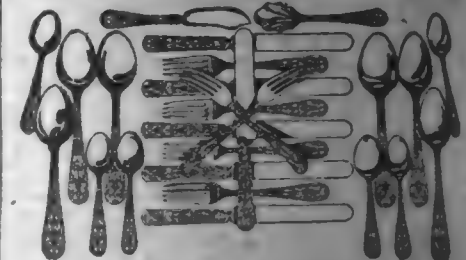
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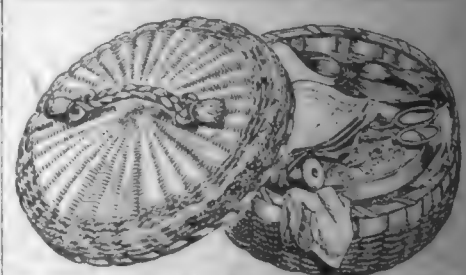
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Mrs. F. G. Calumet, Iowa.—Your case is one of chronic dyspepsia. Take some compound bicarbonate of sodium tablets after meals. Also take a tablespoonful of American Oil with your meals to lubricate the intestines, and also get rid of your constipation. Of course you must keep your bowels open and regular.

Mrs. J. S. S. Corrydon, Ky.—You have strained your vocal cords in singing, hence your loss of voice. Rest and use of Dobell's solution as a gargle and spray plus the application of a mustard plaster to the outside of throat is all that you can do for the present. Rest and time will restore your voice. Your husband must be suffering from ulcer of the stomach. A starch-free diet and one composed mostly of liquids will be beneficial. Also have your husband take three drops of dilute muriatic acid after meals three times a day. Take the acid in water.

Miss E. C. Philippi, West Va.—For the choking sensation following the taking of food, no remedy is better than five-grain tablets of asafetida taken after meals.

Mrs. B. H. B. Madison Heights, Va.—You can remove the warts by using caustic soda. This remedy must be applied only to the warts and in a small quantity—one drop or so.

Mrs. W. B. Portage, Wis.—You may have tuberculosis and not show the tubercular germ. Maybe you have a lung abscess. From the X-ray, this seems possible in your case. Of course you must eat the eggs and drink milk as indicated by your family physician. Only time will determine the final outcome in your case as a positive diagnosis is impossible.

Mrs. W. F. H. Belleville, Ill.—Chronic constipation is best relieved by eating green and coarse vegetables, avoiding sweets of all kinds, and with meals, taking a tablespoonful of American Oil. You can also take one or two cascara pills at night.

Mrs. C. A. Goodman, Mo.—For the acidity of stomach, avoid starchy foods of all kinds, and take five drops, well diluted, of hydrochloric acid, dilute, after meals.

Mrs. E. Ripley, Ohio.—You better not take any remedies for tapeworm while you are nursing your baby.

Mrs. A. D. J. Creola, Ala.—Have your daughter avoid sweets of all kinds, drink plenty of water and, for awhile, live on rice and milk only. Locally, apply Lassar's paste to the weeping eczematous spots. Apply the paste at night. Only by diet and general hygiene and care can eczema of this nature be cured.

Mrs. H. R. M. Gorman, Texas.—One of the best stimulating hair-tonics is a two per cent. solution of resorcin in equal parts of alcohol and water. This lotion can be applied every night after thoroughly brushing the hair.

Mrs. S. J. R. Rotan, Texas.—See a good dentist and have your teeth thoroughly cleaned. Then gargle and wash the mouth out with Dobell's solution three or four times a day.

Mrs. C. D. W. Webb, Miss.—There are no "beads" that will hoodoo garter that we know of. Better consult some good surgeon and have the tumor removed by operation. This is the only help for her.

Mrs. S. M. F. Tippecanoe City, Ohio.—Probably a malarial neuritis is the trouble with your mother. Have her take a tablespoonful of tincture of cinchona after meals, and apply, locally, a solution of camphor and chloral hydrate.

Miss C. L. Benzonia, Mich.—Ringing in the ears may be due to a cold, to wax in the ears and to a chronic catarrh of the middle ear. Better consult some good ear-specialist and see just what the trouble is.

Mrs. B. G. Buckley, Wash.—You are anemic and run down. Take, for all your symptoms, Basham's mixture in tablespoonful doses well diluted after meals. Also diet and eat only wholesome foods, such as you know will agree with you.

Mrs. L. H. Bellport, L. I.—Epilepsy is practically incurable. Have your sister live on a simple diet, avoiding sweets of all kinds, and also keep her bowels regular. She might also take, three times a day, ten-grain tablets of bromide of soda after meals. Any treatment that only makes for "better feeling" without promise of curing the main trouble is worse than useless—simply waste of money.

Miss M. W. New Brunswick, N. J.—Moles are best removed by use of the actual cautery in skilled hands. Trichloro-acetic acid can be used also, but must be used by one accustomed to its use. Do not try to use it on your own initiative.

Mrs. J. K. Houston, Texas.—Sleeplessness has a multitude of causes. Maybe you drink too much tea and coffee, or eat too much at night, just before retiring. Maybe, also, you have gotten the habit of wakefulness at night. Better sit up and read until you are very sleepy and then go to bed, relax, and think of nothing but sleep. The appearance of glass before the eyes is simply physiological and must be disregarded. Don't get into the habit of taking any drug to make you sleep—it will soon make you a nervous wreck.

Mrs. J. F. Bull Run, Va.—You are all suffering from malarial poison. Take two teaspoonfuls of Warburg's tincture after meals, well diluted. Get the modified tincture which has added some aloes for constipation.

Mrs. E. E. Republic, Mich.—Your heart trouble is probably due to being rather fat, gas in the intestines, and lack of out-of-door exercise. As a tonic, try Basham's mixture in tablespoonful doses, well diluted, after meals.

Mrs. J. D. W., Abord, Ky.—Your trouble is rheumatic in character. Take five-grain tablets of salicylate of soda after meals.

Mrs. S. C. H. Snowball, Ark.—For your nervousness take a ten-grain pill of asafetida after meals. For the constipation take one or two compound cathartic pills at night. Of course regulate your bowels and live the simple life.

Mrs. S. W. W., Washington; V. H., Ohio.—Najol and American Oil are the same. High blood pressure is dangerous and should have immediate treatment.

Mrs. W. Z. Bay City, Mich.—One of the best remedies for chronic rheumatism is salicylate of soda, taken in five-grain tablets after meals.

Mrs. H. B., Big Run, Pa.—For the "habitual sneezing" in the morning, spray the nose with some oil-spray such as alboline nasal spray. Take also, internally, ten-grain tablets of bicarbonate of soda after meals.

Miss L. C. Cortie, Ga.—Apply to the painful joints, chloroform liniment. Take, internally, five-grain tablets of salicylate of soda after meals. Drink plenty of water and avoid sweets of all kinds.

Mrs. G. B. G., Middlefield, Ohio.—Would not try to reduce at all. You must have varicose veins. Bandage the limb in question with an elastic-woven bandage during the day and remove the bandage at night. Of course, if there are ulcers on the leg, these must be treated before applying the bandage.

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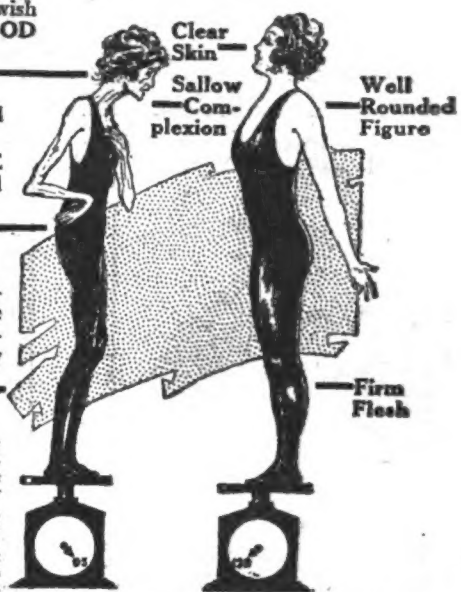
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## Comfort Sisters' Corner

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Would like to receive letters and old papers of any kind from the sisters.—Mrs. W. I. MONAY, Cypress, Fla. I would like to get the song, "The Green Fields of Virginia."—LEENA HAYWARD, Dennyville, R. R. 2, Maine.

I would be glad if the sisters would send me sheet music of which they have grown tired.—IRENE P. BOWERS, Jeffers, Virginia.

Full information on care of skunks, everything I would need to know to start profitable fur business.—Mrs. NORA MORGAN, Spier, N. C.

Poem containing these lines: "Crums were spilled on the floor, 'But, Bob, he wasn't afraid.'"

—M. MERRI GREEN, Polk, Ohio. Cheerful letters from Mrs. R. N. Turner, an old lady with dislocated shoulder. Do not look for answers. Requested by her granddaughter. Address: Mrs. R. N. Turner, Zuni, Isle of Wight Co., Tennessee.

Will members of the different states please send me pieces of calico for quilt, also poem about saloons being "bar to Heaven, gateway to Hell," and recipe for good cake without eggs.—Mrs. D. E. DUBBS, Vesta, Minn.

Poem containing these words: "Little heads all brown and golden, Little forms on bench and stool, Drooped so languid, warm and weary, In the hillside, village school."

—Mrs. JOHN H. SAUE, Hanover, R. H. 5, Pa. I am very anxious to obtain a copy of an old reader, think it was McGuffey's Fifth or Sixth Reader, containing poems, "The Mariner's Dream," "The Cataract of Lodore," and "The Old Clock on the Stairs."—Mrs. L. L. HINTON, Pontotoc, Miss.

Old papers or magazines would be appreciated. Living fifty miles from town. Reading matter will be passed on to others.—Mrs. ANNA ELLEN, Lost Lake, Alta., Canada. Via Peace River.

## Remedies

CROUP.—Make a syrup of white sugar and water and add a pinch of alum; it cuts the phlegm and gives relief almost at once.—HUBERT'S PAL, Aleppo, Pa.

WARTS.—Apply turpentine freely. This may not be effective in every case but it cured our little girl of warts.—Mrs. MARY NORLANDER, Milaca, Minn.

EARACHE.—One teaspoon sweet oil and yolk of one egg. Fry until hot, squeeze all the sweet oil from yolk and apply while hot, on piece of cotton inserted in ear.—A COMFORT SISTER, Boehr, S. Dak.

WHOOPIING COUGH.—A good remedy for whooping cough is a tea made from dry chestnut leaves or take one cup of this tea and a cup of sugar and boil down to a syrup. Give freely to children.—Mrs. ERNEST ROSEN KOTTER, St. Louis, 8630 Church Road, Mo.

Apply kerosene to fresh cut and it will stop flow of blood. Do not bind on or it will blister.

For a serious wound or cut, take a shovel of hot coals and sprinkle with a handful of sugar and smoke the wound well while it is fresh and it will not be sore.

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## Four Wheel Chairs in February 630 Is COMFORT'S Total to Date

The four February wheel chairs go to Mrs. A. J. Walls, Dayton, Wash., 127; Johnnie Brasher, R. F. D. 6, Box 27, Crockett, Texas, 80; Mrs. Jane Goodwin, Beaver, Okla., 68; Harvey T. Perry, Winfield, Ala., 61. The figures following their respective names indicate the number of subscriptions sent in by them or by their friends for them.

Johnnie Brasher, age 22, has been paralyzed from his knees down the past two years, so that he is unable to walk or even stand. His sister, Mrs. John Williams, writes that his condition appears to have been caused by the "flu." As he is strong in his arms and body, this wheel chair will enable him to get about and thus be a help to his widowed mother who has to care for him.

Mrs. Jane Goodwin, age 73, is paralyzed in both legs. Mrs. Bertha Benger and Mrs. Flo Kamp, the two ladies that sent in the entire club of 68 subscriptions for Mrs. Goodwin's chair, write that



LOIS TURNER ENJOYING HER COMFORT WHEEL CHAIR.

she "needs comforting in this way, if ever a poor soul did, and now is the time to comfort her." At present she is being cared for by her daughter, Mrs. W. H. Kellar.

Harvey T. Perry, age 10, has been paralyzed from his hips down since he was four years old, due to spinal trouble and rheumatism. He is unable to walk or even stand, but at times drags himself across the floor by his elbows. As he has full use of his arms, the wheel chair will enable him to get about.

Mrs. A. J. Walls, whose name heads our

February list of wheel-chair winners, is a crippled shut-in who needs a wheel chair; and that is all I know about her. Her good friend, Mrs. Laura Gabriel, who sent in the entire club of 117 subscriptions for her, omitted to give any other information about Mrs. Walls, and this has delayed the shipment of her chair until I receive the requisite information for which I have written, and doubtless it will be forthcoming within a few days. Before sending out a wheel chair I require information as to the applicant's age, size (including approximate height and weight), general physical condition, and how and to what extent crippled and disabled, which is necessary to guide me in ordering a wheel chair of the right size (there are three sizes) and proper equipment to suit the particular case. The person that sends in the first club for any particular wheel-chair applicant usually encloses with it a statement of the age, condition and circumstances of the shut-in for whom the chair is desired; I wish this practice might be adopted in every instance of a first club for, or first communication regarding, a wheel-chair applicant.

The two pictures here reproduced with accompanying letters of thanks are especially interesting, also this month's Roll of Honor.

Sincerely yours,

W. H. GANNETT,  
Publisher of COMFORT.

P. S. For the information of our many new subscribers let me explain that for each and every 150 one-year subscriptions to COMFORT, at 50 cents each, sent in either singly or in clubs by persons who direct that they are to be credited to COMFORT'S WHEEL-CHAIR CLUB instead of claiming the premiums to which they would be entitled, I give a FIRST-CLASS INVALID WHEEL CHAIR to some needy crippled shut-in and pay the freight, too. It is a large and expensive premium for me to give for that number of subscriptions, but I am always glad to do my part a little faster each month than you do yours.

**Gets About in Her COMFORT Wheel Chair to Do Quite a Bit of Work and Visits Friends**

Desloge, Mo.

Dear Mr. Gannett:

Although I received my wheel chair last spring I have just got around to have a picture taken of me in it, which I now enclose and hope to see printed in COMFORT, with my thanks to you and all others that aided me in getting it. I think the wheel chair a wonderful premium. I can wheel myself around in it and do quite a bit of work; also have been able to visit friends in this way since I have had my chair.

Your grateful friend,  
Lois Turner.

**Could Not Do Without Her COMFORT Wheel Chair**  
Tell, Texas.

Dear Mr. Gannett:

I received my wheel chair and am truly thankful to you and my many friends for kindness in helping me to obtain it. I am sending you a picture of me in my chair. I am visiting my



MRS. ANNIE MATLOCK VISITING WITH HER COMFORT WHEEL CHAIR.

daughter, Mrs. J. A. Crooks, at Tell, Texas, and I brought my chair with me, for I could not do without it.

Truly yours,  
(Mrs.) Annie Matlock.

### COMFORT'S Roll of Honor

The Roll of Honor comprises the names of those who have sent five or more subscriptions, or a dollar or more in money, to credit of the Wheel-Chair Club during the month previous. Following each name is the number of subscriptions or amount of cash sent.

Mrs. Laura Gabriel, Wash., for Mrs. A. J. Walls, 117 subs; Mrs. Bertha Benger and Mrs. Flo Kamp, Okla., for Mrs. Jane Goodwin, 68 subs; Miss Annie Perry, Ala., for Harvey Perry, 30 subs and \$1.25; Mrs. Joe Griffin, Ark., for Elvie Tedford, 28 subs; Mrs. Charner Colvin, La., for Clovis Colvin, 19; Ruth and Dolores Norton, Texas, for Johnnie Brasher, 15; Mrs. John Williams, Texas, for Johnnie Brasher, 12; Mrs. Will Tutherford, N. C., for Clarence Tutherford, 11 subs and \$1.55; Ira B. Norton, Okla., for own, 10 subs; Mrs. J. E. Walls, Wash., for Mrs. A. J. Walls, 10; Mrs. Adell Sumner, Fla., for Mrs. M. J. Sumner, 10; Mrs. Charley Wilkerson, Ark., for Alvie Tedford, 8; Mrs. Pearl Newell, Texas, for H. F. Selers, 7; Dora Sizemore, Okla., for Ethel Sizemore, 7; Rosla Melton, Tenn., for Johnnie Melton, 6; Mrs. C. V. Harris, Ala., for Mrs. Sarah Hasford, 5 subs and \$1.00; Mrs. Iolar Borders, Ala., for Vertice Borders, 5 subs; Louise Bryson, Okla., for general, 5; B. F. Oneal, Texas, for Mary Jane Oneal, 5; Mrs. Thomas Cude, Texas, for Johnnie Brasher, 5; Edith Pixler, W. Va., for general, 4 subs and \$1.00; Mrs. O. E. Beal, S. Dak., for general, \$5.00; Mrs. F. M. Parker, Wisc., for general, \$5.00; Mrs. Louise Wine, Mich., for general, \$2.50; Mrs. J. C. Seafiler, W. Va., for general, \$1.00; Mrs. Annie Latham, Mass., for general, \$1.00; Mrs. Parrie Hulett, Texas, for general, \$1.00; Mrs. Ollie Wilson, Ill., for general, \$1.00; Mrs. Mary Beals, Mich., for general, \$1.00; Mrs. W. H. Seibert, Calif., for general, \$1.00; Kathryn Ackerson, Ill., for general, \$1.00; Mrs. John Merchen, Utah, for general, \$1.00.

### Neatness

Neatness is an asset in any walk of life. Some persons are naturally that way and seem unable to do things in a slovenly manner. Others find it difficult to take pains and are constantly losing opportunities because they neglect the small things that make up the sum total of perfect work. If you belong to the latter class, you should recognize it early in life and make a determined effort to remedy matters. Practice neatness in small things and it will soon become a habit. Perhaps your personal appearance will admit of some improvement, or you might write more neatly than you now do, or even speak more precisely. It is attention to the small and apparently insignificant details that makes one man's work better than another's. Michael Angelo, the great painter said, "Trifles make perfection and perfection is no trifle." It was a chance remark but it expresses a truth as plainly as volumes could. If I were asked to give a boy the most valuable bit of advice he will need as he journeys along the road of life, I would say, "Take pains. Be neat."

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### Comfort's League of Cousins

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 24.)

Angeles. I have only seen one letter from a cousin in Los Angeles.

There is a big brush fire raging in the hills back behind Los Angeles and it is endangering a few homes and also a big water shed.

In the summer weeks I spend my vacation at Catalina Island. This last summer I went hunting, but I failed to catch any of Billy's brothers as they ran too fast for me.

I wish some of the cousins would write to me and for the best letter I will send my picture. I must close now, for time is getting scarce.

Your nephew, WILLIAM STRATTON.

William, you need not have worried about your namesake and my co-laborer in the Field of Letters being desirous of making his supper "off" of your charming epistle. Billy, of course, never considers any meal complete unless a certain supply of paper—either raw, stewed or baked—forms a part of the repast. But whether the dish before him be bran muffins or paper, cocoa or correspondence, he always eats this, at any time of the day, "off" of a golden oak, quarter-sawn, dining-table of early fourth-century Byzantine design. The table is covered with a cloth of fruit-of-the-loom damask having a design showing a field of Wakefield cabbage in full bloom. Bill draws his armchair up to this table of an evening, props his volume of Macaulay against the salt cellar, and proceeds to partake of a generous meal in a leisurely and dignified manner. You can see how different all this is from any idea of making a light and hasty supper "off" of your letter—and probably dropping crumbs of muffin and paper off the edge of the letter and down upon our dining-room Smyrna art square. No, indeed; Bill needs more than a letter for a dinner-table.

I hope you got that brush fire extinguished. Will, before it burned up your water shed. I suppose a water shed is more difficult to burn up than is a wood shed, but a good lively brush fire can make ashes of almost anything from a cake of ice down.

Your school must certainly be broad and deep as well as high if it holds 2,925 pupils. I should think it would be easy to get lost in this scholastic crowd and turn up in the wrong class. But you Californians have a big state and are used to doing things on a large scale. It is staggering to think of the amount of knowledge it must take to "go around" your nearly 3,000 students. Your school must be seriously depleting the available stock of knowledge, William, and you will probably end up by having to import a new supply from China—where there is popularly supposed to be a large surplus of wisdom left over from the days of old Confucius.

Great Scott, William, I hope you are not serious when you write about having gone to Catalina and chased some of Bill's relatives who live there! I think you had better write again and straighten this out. I know that California is a long ways from Brooklyn and railroad fares are high—but if Billy should take it into his head to go out to Los Angeles and investigate this little hunting expedition of yours, well, it's certain you would be eating your supper "off" of the mantelpiece after he had finished investigating.

### League Shut-in and Mercy Work for March

"Inasmuch as you have done it unto the least of these you have done it unto Me." Written references from doctor and postmaster must positively accompany all appeals from shut-

ins. Every month brings to me many letters which disregard this simple and necessary rule. Appeals unaccompanied by the references required will be destroyed.

Ada Champion, care of Stella Murchison, Shelby, N. C. A poor invalid who for sixteen years has never been out of pain. Asks the prayers of the cousins and for any material aid that can be given. Sallie Satterwhite, Blairstown, Box 24, Mo. Unable to walk, but struggles pluckily to aid herself in all possible ways. Give her a dime shower—and more than this, for she deserves it. Mrs. Viola Mollett, Boons Camp, Ky. Ill in bed with a husband almost blind. Has a boy of 10 years and three girls ranging from 12 to 13. Second-hand clothing will help, and money that will buy this unfortunate family food during the cold months. Irene E. Pruett, Lobelville, Tenn. A bedridden widow whose only hope is an operation she cannot afford. This poor woman cannot even sit up without pain. You have the chance to aid her helplessness. It is your money against her life. Mrs. Edna Bandy, Franklin, R. E. 9, Tenn. A shut-in who asks for letters, cards and quilt pieces that can aid her to pass lonely hours. J. E. Simpson, North Bradford, Maine. Crippled with rheumatism for twenty years and now afflicted with failing sight to add to his helplessness. A well-recommended and worthy case. Dennis Cobb, Cobbtown, Ga. A crippled lad of sixteen who has not walked for four years. Give him a little of the happiness that belongs to youth.

Those listed this month have passed through the winter months of days that shut-in hours have made very long indeed. Reward them now by cheer and gifts to show them their brave struggles have been worth making. Only a little aid on your part will mean so much to those whom misfortune makes pitifully grateful for small help. Remember this and lay aside forgetfulness and delay.

Lovingly,

Uncle Lisha

### Comfort's League of Cousins

The League of Cousins was founded as a means of bringing the scattered members of COMFORT'S immense circle of readers into one big, happy family. Its aim is to promote a feeling of kinship and relationship among all readers.

Membership is restricted to COMFORT subscribers and costs fifty-five cents, only five cents more than the regular subscription to COMFORT which is included. The fifty-five cents makes you a member of the League and gives you an attractive League button with the letters "C. L. O. C." a handsome certificate of membership with your name as crossed thereon, and the privilege of having your name in the letter list, also a paid-in-advance subscription to COMFORT. You continue a League member as long as you keep up your subscription to COMFORT. There are no annual dues, so after you have once joined all you have to do to keep in good standing is to keep your subscription to COMFORT paid up.

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Send fifty-five cents to COMFORT'S Subscription Department, Augusta, Maine, with your request to be admitted into COMFORT'S LEAGUE OF COUSINS, and you will at once receive the League button and your membership certificate and number; you will also receive COMFORT for one year if you are a new subscriber; but if you are already a subscriber your subscription will be renewed or extended one full year beyond date of expiration.

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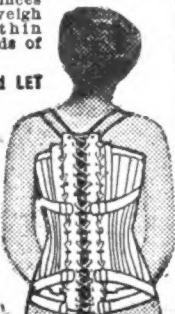
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